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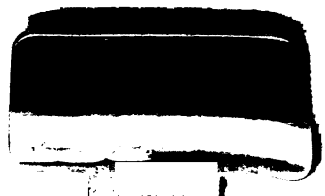

Arms of the Vogts of Hessen-Kassel; *Frohnhausen* and *Treyssa.*

Divided: 1. Azure, a lion, leopardeé, or. 2. Checky argent and gules.

Crest: Wings, antique, sable charged by a disk with the arms of the shield.

Lambrequins: Dexter: or and azure sinister: argent and gules.

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TO MY HUSBAND,

CAMPBELL COLDWELL FITE, M.D.,

whose memory of his great-grandmother and her reminiscences, and of his grandmother, and the notes he took at her dictation, has made these records a possibility; and to

MY SONS,

FRANK EVANS FITE,
and
JACOB NORTHCOTE FITE,

do I present this labor of love.

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FOREWORD

The beginning of these records was made many years ago, when a great grandmother, at the ripe age of one hundred and more years, used to tell to the little great-grandson at her knee the story of the Revolution as she knew it. She told him of the sweetheart who marched away to fight; who promised to come back and marry her when the war was at an end; then would come the oft-repeated question—"And did he, Granny?"—and the oft-repeated answer—"Yes, he did; and I was the girl, and your great-grandfather was the soldier." This episode of her girlhood occurred in New Jersey, far from the Tennessee home where the little lad lived and where "Granny" rounded out her well-spent days.

"Granny" also told the little lad of his great-great-grandparents, Johannes and Catharine: how they had eloped and come to America from Germany because they knew they would never gain the consent of Catharine's parents to her marriage; Catharine was supposed to have been of noble birth. Told of the voyage over, of the ship with their goods not reaching port; how they spent all they had to sustain them on the long voyage, so that when they reached these shores they went to live with a millwright in Philadelphia, and Johannes learned the trade. All of this and much more besides she told the child, and when a few years later, after her death, he went to visit his grandparents, his grandmother continued the story of his ancestors, beginning where "Granny" Fite had left off. She bade him take pencil and paper and take notes of what she said. This he did, and this paper, written in the boyish hand, is still preserved, and its contents formed the basis for this book.

The original idea was to record only the direct descendants of Johannes Fite and his wife, Catharine; upon mature consideration the decision was made to record the descendants of Henry Fite and Hans Jacob Fite, and all others of the name, wherever found, in the United States. This decision has led to some interesting discoveries, and while the labor of compiling has been very great, it has been equally a pleasure, for it has been the means of bringing to the author many interesting and gracious letters and acquaintances, which otherwise she would have missed.

For all of the kindly interest expressed in this work, the author is most grateful, and sincerely hopes the contents of the book may not be of a disappointing nature to the many kinspeople who have rendered her such valuable assistance, for which she expresses here her very sincere thanks.

ADDENDA.

(280) James[5] W. Lee Fite (page 55), died March 31, 1907; interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tenn.

Mary Coldwell Evans, former widow of (276) Captain Jacob[4] Cross Fite, C. S. A. (page 63), died April 23, 1907; interred in Willow Mount Cemetery, Shelbyville, Tenn.

INTRODUCTORY

The cost of a voyage from Rotterdam to Philadelphia, during the early years of the German immigration, was $350 in copper coin, according to Acrelius' History of New Sweden. This amount was for passage alone and did not include food or provide comforts for the passenger; those things he had to provide himself, or pay for, extra. Some of the Germans came with the funds necessary to establish themselves in a new land, while a very large number spent their all for passage and necessities, or perhaps had not even the money to pay for the passage, in which event they bound themselves out to learn some trade in payment for their passage, and they were known as "Redemptioners." Geiser explains that Redemptioners "enjoyed all the privileges and rights of a free citizen," and were "regarded as laborers, at present, bound by contract to perform a specified amount of labor in a given time."

The early Germans were almost universally a religious people. In his "History of the Early Germans of New Jersey" Chambers says that the history of the Germans was largely the history of their churches. They were not only intelligent but were an educated people, and demanded from the start catechists or teachers for their children, and insisted upon an educated ministry. They came to this country, not so much because of religious persecutions, as has been supposed, but because of "the privations and restrictions of their lives at home, which had been caused through their faithfulness to the truth in previous years." They were a peace-loving people; being content to follow their professions, or to cultivate their fields, and "enjoy the blessings of civil and religious liberty."

The Germans cared little for political offices, but they came to Pennsylvania in such great numbers that their votes became of considerable importance; especially in the election of members of the Colonial Assembly, when, as a rule, they were cast as a unit. Their names appear seldom in the official lists, for the reason stated above, and because of "their almost exclusive use of the German language, which disqualified them from holding office." It was a rare thing for the first generation to learn to speak English; in many cases, to be found to-day, in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, the descendants of these people continue to speak German, with but little knowledge of English. The better educated and more ambitious, naturally, had their children taught English, and their teachers and ministers were required to be scholarly men, with a knowledge of several languages. This is by way of leading up to the families, who bear the name used in the title of this book—namely Vogt—anglicized Fite.

Occasionally, one hears the remark uttered, apparently in sincerity, "I know nothing concerning my ancestors, and care less." Do we not at least owe to those who have been responsible for our being in this world, those who for generations have toiled and struggled toward advancement and enlightenment, by whose efforts we have been benefited and stand where we are to-day, the slight recognition of perpetuating their records, if nothing more? This is the very least we can do for "the pioneers who 'blazed the way' to our present freedom and prosperity." It has been observed that, even in the Scriptures of the Old Testament, family genealogies are accorded a place, and in the New Testament the noble lineage of the Saviour is deemed matter worthy of record. Feeling the truth of this so strongly, the author has experienced much satisfaction in recording for preservation the names of men and women of the Fite families, and somewhat of their histories, as far as could be gathered.

The present spelling of the name Fite has come down to this generation through many changes. Strange as it may appear to those not familiar with German, the original name was Vogt; other spellings of the name, according to the German authorities, are Vogd, Voigt, Voit, Vod, Vot, and Fauth; derived from the Latin *Vocatus*, meaning *one who is called* or *appointed*. Oscar Kuhns, in his "Pennsylvania—German names," tells us that there are three general groups of German family names; first those derived from personal names; second, those derived from trades or professions; third, those derived from places. The authorities are unanimous in giving the derivation of Vogt, from the *profession*, which was that of a governor, warden or bailiff; the name is pronounced Faut or Foit, the F and V being interchangeable in German (see foot-note). The meaning of the name is very clearly illustrated in Schiller's drama of William Tell, where Gessler is mentioned as being the "Imperial Vogt"; again, as the "Landvogt," and he speaks of himself as a "ruler." He was in authority over a district or province under the emperor.

There is no English word that exactly expresses the meaning of the name, so that in the English translation of "William Tell," the German word "Vogt" is retained. In this country, the numerous and varied spellings of the name, produced by the efforts to anglicize it, were due to the clerks, registrars and tax collectors, who for the most part were English-speaking men, with slight, if any knowledge of German, and in their efforts to write the name as it sounded to them, it has came down to us recorded Fogt, Foight, Feit, Feight, Fight, Ficht, and Fite; the last spelling being the one almost universally adopted after the Revolution. Many families named Vogt or Voigt living to-day in the United States, especially in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, have re-

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NOTE.—The Standard Dictionary (Funk and Wagnalls Co.), section of proper names, gives the pronunciation of the name, Johannes Voight, as FEIHT. Vogtland is translated as FÖHT'LANT.

tained the German name; they are doubtless descended from the same stock as the Fites. Newcomers in this country during the past century have seldom Anglicized their names.

Heinrich, Johannes and Hans Jacob Vogt, said to be brothers, landed at Philadelphia September 28, 1749; they came on the ship *Ann*, via Rotterdam, from the province of Hesse-Kassel in Saxony; a few miles distant from "Vogtland," which was an ancient division of Saxony, founded in 1122 and named, presumably, for some especially prominent official bearing the name Vogt. In Germany, unlike England, all the families living in the same province, bearing the same name, were entitled to the use of the arms, borne by the head family of the name, owning the principal estates. The Vogts, of Hessen, came originally from Frohnhausen, a village in Hesse-Kassel. (This province, since 1866, annexed by Prussia and now named Hesse-Nassaw.) The family entitled to the estates became extinct in the *direct* male line in 1568; but there were many of the name remaining in the province, notably in Treyssa; in 1615 the latter possessed estates in Eastern Prussia. Frohnhausen and Treyssa are in the same district.

The list of Vogt names appended to this introductory, is notable because of the number of professions represented. It is readily to be seen that the family as a whole, throughout Germany in the early days, were intellectual people, and "in authority," as the name implies. These given names are repeated in every instance, with two or three exceptions, in the families of Vogts living in this country prior to the Revolution.

(1) Heinrich[1] Vogt founded the Maryland family; (1) Johannes[1] Vogt founded the Tennessee family, and (1) Hans[1] Jacob Vogt, presumably, founded the Lancaster Co., Pa., family, whose descendants are mostly in Ohio at the present day. What relation these three brothers bore to (1) Casper[1] Fight—Fite, who was the founder of the Roxborough, Pa., family, is not known. Casper came over some sixteen years earlier than the three brothers (see foot-note).

The tradition that (1) Johannes[1], founder of the Tennessee family, was descended from Jan Fyt, the Dutch painter of Antwerp, 1611–1661, is, so far as the author can determine, due to the tradition that (1) Johannes[1] was also a portrait painter, and to the similarity of the names. It is, however, perfectly possible that there was some connection. Jan Fyt had a brother Jacques who painted and a son who painted; he was two generations ahead of (1) Johannes[1] Vogt (Fite), founder of the Tennessee family. The author has not attempted to trace the direct connection with the family on the other side. That would entail great expense and labor, not possible at this time; but sufficient data is given to enable others to do so, should they so desire. The fact of the three Vogts

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NOTE.—The number *preceding* a name indicates the individual number by which that person will be known throughout the records; the number *over* the name denotes the generation to which the individual belongs.

having come from Hesse-Kassel is established by the Maryland branch, who has preserved the record of Heinrich[1] Vogt's birth in Hesse-Kassel; and the fact of Johannes[1] and Heinrich[1] being brothers is established through a descendant of Johannes[1], (279) Edwin[4] C. Fite, who says his grandfather always referred to Henry[1], of Maryland, as "Uncle Henry." For the date of arrival, and names of the three brothers, see Rupps' "Thirty Thousand Emigrants" and Pennsylvania Archives.

In the Immigration period, between 1710–1750 and later, it was customary to send most of the baggage, and household goods of passengers on separate ships used only for freight; the ship bearing the chests of Heinrich[1], Johannes[1] and Hans[1] Jacob never came to port, so that when they landed they had only the baggage which they had brought on the passenger ship, including an iron chest belonging to Henry[1] which is still preserved by his descendants. It is in the possession of Mrs. Bailey, of Baltimore.

The Vogts were Lutherans, not German Reformed; Chambers says there was a sharply dividing line between the two sects; the Lutherans were Reformed Catholics, and took their name from the great Reformer. The German Reformed were Reformed Lutherans. In Church Government the Lutherans became Episcopalians and the Reformed were Presbyterial. At the present day there is but slight difference between these two great divisions of German Protestantism.

VOGTS IN GERMANY

Albrecht Vogt, professor, Pommerania, born 1634; died 1676.
Andreas Vogt, rector in Colleda, Thuringia, 1693.
Benedict Vogt or Voigt, canon, Hamburg; died 1674.
Caspar Vogt, mayor, Lukow in Mecklenburg; died 1681.
Caspar Daniel Vogt, minister, Silesia; died 1736.
Christopher Vogt, Giessen, Hessen, author; alive 1704.
Daniel Vogt, Jessen, Saxony, minister; alive 1675.
Ernst Friedrich Vogt or Voigt, Dresden; official; 1688.
Franz Vogt, pastor, Westfalia; died 1732.
Franz Ernst Vogt, author, Hessen-Kassel; born 1680; his father was Michael Christopher.
Gabriel Vogt, Saxony, official; alive 1668.
George Vogt or Voigt, Hessen, organ builder; alive 1618.
George Philip Vogt, doctor medicine, Hamburg; alive 1713.
Gottfried Vogt, minister, Saxony; born 1644.
Gottlieb Vogt or Voigt, lawyer, Saxony; died 1734.
Gottlieb Henry Vogt, Rostock, minister, 1602; his sons were Caspar Vogt, died 1681; Christopher Vogt, died 1710.
Johann Vogt, Saxony, mayor; died 1426.
Johann Vogt, pastor, Bremen; born 1695.
Johan Andreas Vogt, rector, Saxony; alive 1746.
Johan August von Vogt, Pruss. general; alive 1733.
Johan Christian Vogt, author, Saxony; alive 1732.
Johan Christian Vogt, author, Saxony; alive 1707.
Johann Christopher Vogt, composer, Saxony; alive 1717.
Johann Christopher Vogt, minister, Silesia; alive 1711.
Johan Frederick Vogt, professor, Westphalia; alive 1746.
Johan Georg Vogt, musician, Hanover; 18 century.
Johan Gottlieb Vogt, jurist, Saxony; alive 1746.
Johan Henry Vogt, author, Saxony; died 1691; his son was Johann Vogt, Rudolstadt.
Johan Martin Vogt, jurist, Hessen; alive 1709.
Johann Samuel Vogt, minister, Saxony; alive 1686.
Leonhard Ludwig Vogt, author, Bavaria; living 1673.
Lorentz Vogt, Saxony, a monk; alive 1540.
Ludwig Vogt, author; alive 1736.
Matthias Vogt, minister, Thuringia; died 1647.
Moritz Vogt, Prague, Bohemia, author; alive 1719.
Nicolas Vogt, Saxony, mayor; 15th century.
Nicolas Detlef Vogt, minister, Hamburg, 1722.
Peter Vogt, minister, Hamburg; 1657.
Peter Vogt, Doctor jur. Holstein; died 1665.
Reinhard Dedric Vogt, minister, Prussia; alive 1746.
Solomon Vogt, minister, Dresden, Saxony; born 1689.

NOTE.—For different spellings of Vogt, see Zedler's Grosses Lexikon, Vol. 50, 5. 262. Leipzig and Halle, 1746. For list of names, same Vol., pp. 262–286. Description of Arms, see Kneschke, Deutscher Adels-Lexikon. Vol 9, p. 405. Leipzig, 1870.

FITE FAMILY

HESSEN-KASSEL LINE

JOHANNES, HEINRICH and HANS JACOB VOGT, brothers, from the province of Hessen-Kassel, Germany, landed at Philadelphia, Pa., September 28, 1749.

(1) JOHANNES[1] founded the Tennessee branch.

(1) HEINRICH[1] founded the Maryland branch.

(1) HANS JACOB[1] founded the Lancaster Co., Pa., branch.

TENNESSEE BRANCH

(1) **Johannes[1] Vogt**—anglicized Fite—was one of the three brothers referred to in the Introductory, who landed in America, at Philadelphia, September 28, 1749. He came from the province of Hessen-Kassel, which adjoined Vogtland in Saxony. Coming from this province, he and his sons were entitled to the use of the ancient arms of the Vogts of Hessen-Kassel, but were not entitled to the estates; as previously mentioned, the direct male line, entitled to the estates, became extinct in the sixteenth century, according to Helmer.

There are two traditions extant regarding the meeting of (1) Johannes[1] with Catharine, whom he married upon the arrival of the ship *Ann* at Philadelphia; one is to the effect that (1) Johannes[1] was a portrait painter, and while painting the portrait of Catharine, a young lady of noble birth, they fell in love and eloped to this country, knowing they would not gain consent to their union. The other tradition, and the one to which most credence is given by their descendants is that (1) Johannes[1] and Catharine met on the boat coming over, and their attachment being mutual, they were married on their arrival at Philadelphia. Which one of these traditions is correct is not known; but it is certain that Johannes[1] and Catharine were not married until they reached this country. The ship bearing their chests containing most of their clothes and money never came to port, so that upon landing, Johannes[1] went to work for a millwright near Philadelphia and learned the trade; several of his children were born there. In five or six years he moved, with his little family, to Greenwich Township, Sussex Co., New Jersey, where he followed his trade as a millwright.

He also owned a mill, which afforded him the means of furnishing General Green's army with some of his supplies during the early years of the Revolutionary War. Whether Johannes[1] lived on his own land in New Jersey or on the "West Jersey Society Lands," is not known, but most probably it was the latter; these lands in Hunterdon Co. (included Sussex, Warren and Morris) were leased for a term of years. Had Johannes[1] owned land, he would most probably have left a will; but such is not the case; at least no will of his was probated in New Jersey.

In Greenwich Township, several of Johannes[1], and Catharine's children were born and married, and the family were members of the St. James Lutheran Church, of which the following is quoted from the History of Sussex and Warren Co. by J. P. Snell:

NOTE.—Johannes and his descendants are given precedence in the book for the reason that he was the progenitor of those for whom these records were compiled; Heinrich[1] was the elder of the three brothers.

"From the earliest records which have been preserved we learn that originally there was a union between the German Reformed and Lutheran Churches, but the former becoming extinct by removals and deaths, the Lutherans became the sole occupants of the church and possessors of the property, and afterwards formed a new organization under a special constitution. In its early history this church was affiliated with St. Michael's Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, and with it held the faith of the Reformation, as declared in the Augsburg Confession, for more than a hundred years. The only names which have come down through the history of the church to the present are those of Shipman, FEIT, Ensley, and Melick. Tradition states that the first building for the purposes of worship, was constructed of logs and was about 30 x 40 feet in size. It was thatched with straw, which caused it to be generally known as the "Straw Church." The first regular pastor was Rev. Peter Muhlenberg, from 1769 to 1773, followed by Rev. Christian Streit, from 1773 to 1777; Mr. Braas, 1777–1781; and Rev. John Frederick Ernst, 1781–1792."

This church is also known as old "Greenwich Church," and is standing and in use to-day, the Rev. Hugh Walker being the present pastor. The Session Records have been kept from 1769 to date; baptisms, 1778 to date; marriages 1780 to date; communicants, 1804 to date, and deaths, 1838 to date. Owing to the death records of the early members not being preserved, the author has been unable to learn the exact dates of decease of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catharine; they must have occurred just prior to 1787, as at that date their children moved to North Carolina, and this move did not take place "until after the death of their parents." It is shown by the preserved Session Records, that (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his son (2) Peter[2] signed the "Articles of Faith and Order," of St. James Lutheran Church, in 1772.

(1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catharine "raised a large family." The names of only nine of these children have been preserved, however; possibly because these were the children who went to North Carolina, thence to Tennessee, forming what is now known as the Tennessee branch.

Issue of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catharine, as follows:

(2) Peter[2] Fite, p. 17.

(3) Catharine[2] Fite, p. 27.

(4) Conrad[2] Fite, p. 28.

(5) Mary[2] Fite, p. 28.

(6) Christina[2] Fite, p. 28.

(7) John[2] Fite, p. 28.

(8) Leonard[2] Fite, p. 44.

(9) Jacob[2] Fite, presumably the son of (1) Johannes[1], known

to be brother of (10) Gilbert[2]; moved to North Carolina, thence to Kentucky, where he disappeared and was supposed to have been killed by Indians.

(10) Gilbert[2] Fite, p. 102.

(2) **Peter[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]), son of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catharine, was born in Pennsylvania, and moved with his parents to Greenwich Township, Sussex Co., N. J. He was born about 1750 or '51, and was the eldest son. Peter married many years before moving to North Carolina with his family and brothers and sisters in 1787; he had several children prior to that date. In 1772 he signed the "Articles of Faith and Order" in St. James Lutheran Church, better known as "Old Greenwich Church" and "Straw Church," and his name, so recorded, is one of the few names preserved, of the communicants of this church (see Wm. Nelson's Church Records in New Jersey). We have every reason to believe that (2) Peter[2] was a soldier of the Revolution; the documentary evidence, however, is missing. His descendants have had it so handed down to them and the other branches of the family have been told by old "Granny Fite," who lived to be one hundred and four years of age, that her husband Leonard and all of his brothers were in the War. The evidence of (7) John[2] and (8) Leonard's[2] service is on file at Washington, but an extensive search has failed to find the record of (2) Peter's[2] service. The Revolutionary files are still far from complete, and this record may materialize in time. (2) Peter[2] Fite married Barbara Hedenger and had thirteen children. In 1790 the Federal Census of North Carolina shows that three of (2) Peter's[2] sons were "sixteen years and upwards," and there were also four daughters at that date; the remaining six children were born after 1790. (2) Peter[2] and his brother (4) Conrad[2] settled near Salisbury, in Rowan Co., while (7) John[2] and (8) Leonard[2] settled in Lincoln Co. They were not far apart, however.

About the year 1800 Peter and some of his family moved to Wythe Court House, Va., and lived there one year; thence to Tennessee, where he settled on the Holston River in Knox Co., and died there.

Issue of (2) Peter[2] Fite and his wife, Barbara Hedenger, as follows:

(11) Jacob[3] Fite, p. 18.
(12) Elias[3] Fite is said to have settled in Illinois.
(13) Henry[3] Fite, p. 18.
(14) Christina[3] Fite married Lewis Pearse.
(15) Rachel[3] Fite married John Simpson.
(16) Mary[3] Fite married John Murray.
(17) Catharine[3] Elizabeth Fite, p. 19.
(18) Peter[3] Fite, p. 20.

(508) Solomon[3] Fite, one of the elder children of the above Peter[2] Fite and Barbara Hedenger, has just been brought to my notice too late to insert in proper order. He and his descendants are continued on p. 26. Some of his descendants were living in North Carolina in 1865.

(11) **Jacob[3] Fite** (Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of Peter[2] Fite and his wife Barbara Hedenger, moved to Tennessee with his parents, and lived in Knox County for some years, then moved to Columbia County. He served as a Corporal in Capt. James Stewart's Company of drafted Militia, Third (Johnson's) Regiment, of East Tennessee Militia in the War of 1812. He served from September 20, 1814, to May 3, 1815, and his service record is on file at Washington. After his decease, his widow, Elizabeth Fite, applied for and received her pension.

The following (19) John[4] C. Fite of Overton County, is presumably the son of (11) Jacob[3] Fite and his wife Elizabeth.

Confederate service of (19) John[4] C. Fite: John C. Fite, private of Co. B, Twenty-fifth Tennessee Infantry C. S. A. Enlisted July 30, 1861 at Livingston, Overton County, Tennessee. On furlough, sick, in September or October, 1861.

John C. Fite, private Co. F, Eighth Regiment Tennessee Cavalry C. S. A. Enlisted July 18, 1862, in Overton County, Tennessee. Was present with his Company December 31, 1864; date of the last roll of the company in possession of the War Department at Washington.

(13) **Henry[3] Fite** (Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (2) Peter[2] Fite and his wife, Barbara Hedenger, remained in Rowan County, North Carolina, when his father moved to Tennessee. He married Susan ——, last name not known. He died, probably in 1843, as his will was probated at the May session, of what was at that time known as the "County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions." His will is on file at Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C., and in it he mentions his wife Susan, and eight of his children. One son (20), Amos,[4] seems to have been cut off without anything, as he received nothing by will.

Issue of (13) Henry[3] Fite and his wife Susan were:

(20) Amos[4] Fite.
(21) Moses[4] Fite.
(22) Eve[4] Hembry (Hembry was probably her husband's name).
(23) Mary[4] Ann Katarine Fite.
(24) Elizabeth[4] Malinda Fite.
(25) Turly[4] Sophia Fite.
(26) Henry[4] Theophilus Fite.
(27) Samuel[4] Jacob Fite.
(28) John[4] Rothrock Fite.

(17) **Catherine[3] Elizabeth Fite** (Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (2) Peter[2] Fite and his wife Barbara Hedenger, was born May 15, 1792. She was married at the age of 15 years, June 4, 1807, to Adam Hoyle, who was born December 15, 1779, on the South Fork of the Catawba river in Lincoln Co., N. C.

(17) Catharine[3] died in Georgia, December 12, 1817, leaving a husband and seven young children. Adam Hoyle moved to Georgia soon after his marriage and died there in 1864, aged eighty-five years.

Issue of (17) Catharine[3] Elizabeth Fite and Adam Hoyle, as follows:

(*a*) Barbara[4] Hoyle, born March 14, 1808: died March 3, 1819.

(*b*) Solomon[4] Hoyle, born Sunday, April 2, 1809: died January 13, 1812.

(*c*) Margaret[4] Harriet Hoyle, born Wednesday, June 6, 1810; married Thomas H. Jones, and died January 26, 1837. Issue Benj. F. and Peter Fite Jones.

(*d*) Mary[4] Augustina Hoyle, born Sunday, February 16, 1812; married a Mr. Dobbs; she died March 9, 1869.

(*e*) George[4] Summers Hoyle, born Sunday, May 30, 1813; died December 7, 1856. He was married at Canton, Ga., Sunday, October 24, 1841, to Margaret Amanda Erwin, born February 24, 1822, in Macon County, N. C.; she died Sunday, August 12, 1894, in Atlanta, Ga. Issue (1) William[5] Erwin Hoyle, born Wednesday, August 10, 1842; lives in Atlanta, Ga. (2) Samuel[5] Rice Hoyle, born Tuesday, December 19, 1843; was Lieutenant, Co. "I," Seventh Georgia Infantry, Confederate Army, during the Civil War. He died April 20, 1880. (3) Margaret[5] Imogene Hoyle, born Friday, June 27, 1845; married James W. Morrow, and lives in Atlanta, Ga. (4) Mary[5] Alvarine Hoyle, born Tuesday, February 16, 1847; married William H. Howell, and died August 9, 1890. (5) George Summers Hoyle, born March 1, 1849; graduate United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., Class of 1873. Now Major United States Cavalry, retired; General Recruiting officer for Georgia. Lives in Atlanta. He was married in Oakland, Cal., June 4, 1877, to Caroline Beach, born June 24, 1855, and has had issue, Marjorie[6] Hoyle, born November 17, 1882; died May 31, 1883. Julian[6] Hoyle, born December 26, 1886; died August 24, 1888. Vivian[6] Hoyle, born February 10, 1890; died February 12, 1890. (6) Eli[5] Du Bose Hoyle, born Sunday, January 19, 1851; Major United States Artillery; Graduate West Point Military Academy, 1875. Now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. (7) Annie[5] Frances Hoyle, born December 10, 1852; died August 4, 1857. (8) Frank[5] Jerome Hoyle, born Sunday, September 10, 1854; married Blanche Gaines, of Knoxville, Tenn. Lives in New York City. (9) Lillie[5] Dale Hoyle, born September 10, 1856; died September 7, 1857.

(*f*) Sarah[4] Elmina Hoyle, born Sunday, February 5, 1815.

Married a Mr. Hardman, and died ——. Descendants living in Georgia.

(g) Peter[4] Fite Hoyle, born Saturday, August 23, 1817. Has a descendant living in Jacksonville, Florida, Mrs. Donie L. Haddock.

(18) **Peter[3] Fite** (Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (2) Peter[2] Fite and Barbara Hedenger, was born in Rowan County, N. C., January 5, 1793. He moved with his father to Virginia, thence to Knox County, Tennessee, about 1805, and lived there sixteen years. In 1823 he moved to McMinn County, Tennessee. In McMinn County he married, February 24, 1824, Nancy Carlock, born March 30, 1801; died September 13, 1889, a sister of the late Hon. James Carlock, of McMinn County; a man of note in his section. In December, 1844 (18) Peter[3] Fite moved to Georgia, where he died October 22, 1888.

Issue of (18) Peter[3] Fite and Nancy Carlock, as follows:

(29) Henderson[4] Wesley Fite, p. 20.

(30) Julina[4] Harvey Fite, p. 21.

(31) Monroe[4] Fite, born Jan. 18, 1829; died July 22, 1832.

(32) Isaac[4] Marion Fite, p. 22.

(33) Jacob[4] Alexander Fite, p. 24.

(34) Houston[4] Montgomery Fite, born April 25, 1835; was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Va., and died there May 26, 1863.

(35) Lemuel[4] Peter Fite, born October 22, 1837; died December 17, 1837.

(36) Porshall[4] Harrison Fite, born March 30, 1840. Moved to Texas.

(37) Sarah[4] Elizabeth Fite, p. 25.

(38) Gustavus[4] Taylor Fite, p. 26.

(29) **Henderson[4] Wesley Fite, M.D.** (Peter,[3] Peter[2], Johannes[1]), son of (18) Peter[3] Fite and Nancy Carlock, was born in Tennessee, November 27, 1824. He was married in 1850, to Sarah Turner Denman, daughter of Felix Gilbert Denman. Issue of this couple:

(39) Augustus[5] Warren Fite, p. 21.

(40) Laura[5] Fite; deceased.

(41) Richard[5] La Fayette Fite, M.D., born October 17, 1856. Is a practicing physician in Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

(42) Nancy[5] Fite.

(43) Francis[5] Bartow Fite, M.D.; born October 17, 1861; is a practicing physician in Muskogee, Indian Territory, and Mayor of the city.

(44) Florence[5] Fite

(45) Mary[5] Fite.

(39) **Judge Augustus[5] Warren Fite** (Henderson,[4] Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]) is the eldest son of (29) Dr. Henderson[4] Wesley Fite and Sarah Turner Denman. Judge Fite has written a short sketch of his career, for these records, as follows:

"I was born on a farm in Gordon County, Georgia, June 15th, 1852, and came to Bartow County with my parents when a small boy, and was raised on the farm, going to the country schools every summer after crops were 'laid by.' The war coming on, my chances for a classical education were cut off, and after the war I completed my education in the high schools of the county. I was admitted to the bar in 1874, and taught school and practiced law in the country, as best I could, until 1880, when I came to Cartersville, my county town, continuing the practice of the law, and editing the Cartersville Express, the official paper of the county, during that year. I was married to Miss Florida Lilian Conyers December 22, 1880. We have had ten children, four of whom died in infancy. I was elected to the Legislature in 1882, and again in 1884. Continuing the practice of the law, I was elected Solicitor-General of the Cherokee Circuit in 1888, and again in 1892. In 1896 I was elected Judge of the same Circuit, which office I still hold, having been re-elected in 1900 and in 1904.

"I have been unable to acquire much of this world's goods, but have the consciousness of having done my duty, as best I could, both to my family and to the public. I am an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and have tried to live a blameless, Christian life, but have not succeeded to my satisfaction. My son's commission in the Navy bears date April 6, 1903. Since then he has been twice promoted, and now ranks as Lieutenant, senior grade."

Issue of (39) Judge Augustus[5] Warren Fite and Florida Lilian Conyers, as follows:

(46) William[6] Conyers Fite, Lieut. U. S. N., was born in Cartersville, Ga., January 3, 1882. Received commission in the Navy April 6, 1903. (See the above sketch of his father.)

(47) Augustus[6] Warren Fite, born July 5, 1883.

(48) Florida[6] Lilian Fite, born February 9, 1888.

(49) Lindsay[6] Johnson Fite, born June 16, 1890.

(50) Sarah[6] Fite, born January 1, 1894.

(51) Joel[6] Albert Fite, born December 22, 1895.

(52) John[6] Akin Fite; died in infancy.

(53) Virginia[6] Fite; died in infancy.

(54) Francis[6] Bartow Fite; died in infancy.

(55) James[6] Allen Fite; died in infancy.

(30) **Julina[4] Harvy Fite** (Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest daughter of (18) Peter[3] Fite and Nancy Carlock, was born April 26, 1827. She was married twice; first, September 3, 1846, to W.

(63) **Sarah[5] Catharine Fite** (Isaac,[4] Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (32) Isaac Marion Fite and Mary Ann McClure, was born January 8, 1867; now deceased. She was married January 28, 1886, to Wylie A. Jarvis, by whom she had three children: John,[6] Frances[6] Ann and Ruby[6] Jarvis, all deceased.

(66) **James[5] Carlock Fite** (Isaac,[4] Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (32) Isaac[4] Marion Fite and Mary Ann McClure, was born August 13, 1874. He was married December 16, 1896, to Julia Lester Foster, by whom he has had three children.

(80) Mary Lucile Fite; born April 11, 1898.
(81) Claud Foster Fite; born August 6, 1901.
(82) George Carlton Fite; born November 11, 1905.

(33) **Jacob[4] Alexander Fite** (Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), fourth son of (18) Peter[3] Fite and Nancy Carlock, was born March 31, 1833. He married Clio M. Gideon, by whom he had issue.

(83) Beverly[5] Alexander Fite, p. 24.
(84) Berry[5] Wilson Fite, p. 24.
(85) Jacob[5] Chester Fite, p. 25.
(86) Lilla[5] Gideon Fite, p. 25.

(83) **Beverly[5] Alexander Fite** (Jacob,[4] Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), the eldest son of (33) Jacob[4] Alexander Fite and Clio M. Gideon, was born in Resaca, Ga., June 7, 1860. He was married May 14, 1884, to Lorena A. Butler, daughter of H. A. Butler of Kennesaw, Ga. Beverly[5] Alexander Fite lives at Cartersville, Ga., where he is the local freight agent and telegraph operator of the Seaboard Air Line R. R.

Issue of (83) Beverly[5] Alexander Fite and Lorena A. Butler, as follows:

(87) Nellie[6] E. Fite; born May 24, 1886.
(88) Beverly[6] Burgess Fite; born December 8, 1887. Graduated at the Marion Alabama Military School, where he took first honors in all of his classes.
(89) Bernie[6] Louise Fite; born September 21, 1895.
(90) Harry[6] Sims Fite; born December 12, 1904.

(84) **Berry[5] Wilson Fite, M.D.** (Jacob,[4] Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]) second son of (33) Jacob[4] Alexander Fite and Clio M. Gideon, was born April 7, 1862; was married June 7, 1892, to Hortense T. Thibadeau; born August 20, 1868, daughter of Joseph H. and Nina F. Thibadeau. Dr. Fite is a practicing physician at Resaca, Ga.

Issue of (84) Berry[5] Wilson Fite, M.D. and Hortense T. Thibadeau, as follows:

(91) Baxter[6] Beverly Fite; born Friday, April 14, 1893.
(92) Mina[6] Joe Fite; born Sunday, January 6, 1895.
(93) Lilla[6] Mae Fite; born Thursday, April 30, 1896.
(94) Marion[6] Fite; born Thursday, January 20, 1898.
(95) Berry[6] Wilson Fite, Jr.; born Saturday, May 27, 1899.
(96) Charlie[6] Thibadeau Fite; born Sunday, April 14, 1901.
(97) Floyd[6] Wilcox McRae Fite; born Wednesday, October 1, 1902.
(98) J. Clifton[6] Edgar Fite; born Wednesday, March 23, 1904.
(99) Joseph[6] D. Bryant Fite; born Sunday, April 15, 1906.

(85) **Jacob Chester Fite** (Jacob,[4] Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (33) Jacob[4] Alexander Fite and Clio M. Gideon, was born February 28, 1867. He was married May 29, 1889, to Elizabeth Lively; born May 28, 1873, daughter of James R. and Josephine (Meadows) Lively. Their children are:
(100) Hortense[6] Fite; born February 13, 1891.
(101) Josephine[6] Fite; born August 7, 1893.
(102) Chester[6] Fite, Jr.; born February 27, 1896.
(103) Clayton[6] Matthews Fite; born October 31, 1899.
(104) James[6] Fite; born December 12, 1901.
(105) Elizabeth[6] Fite; born March 6, 1906.

(86) **Lila[5] Gideon Fite** (Jacob,[4] Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (33) Jacob[4] Alexander Fite and Clio M. Gideon, was born November 16, 1865; married September 19, 1883, to William Henry Stanton, son of John S. and Louiza Stanton. Issue:
(*a*) William[6] Chester Stanton; born July 15, 1884.
(*b*) Nellie[6] Clye Stanton; born June 18, 1886.
(*c*) Lena[6] Gertrude Stanton; born January 29, 1890.
(*d*) Lilla[6] Mae Stanton; born December 16, 1902.

(37) **Sarah[4] Elizabeth Fite** (Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest daughter of (18) Peter[3] Fite and Nancy Carlock, was born March 19, 1843. She was married February 13, 1866, to James J. Keen, by whom she has issue, as follows:
(*a*) Nancy[5] Julina Keen; born February 4, 1871; married Robert Holcombe, who died September 3, 1896.
(*b*) John[5] Houston Keen; born October 30, 1872; married Julia McBrayer.
(*c*) Rutha[5] Victoria Keen; born October 4, 1874; married Frank Allison.
(*d*) Alice[5] Acenith Keen; born July 28, 1877; married William Lester Thomas.
(*e*) George[5] Lemuel Keen; born December 30, 1881.

(38) **Gustavus[4] Taylor Fite** (Peter,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child of (18) Peter[3] Fite and Nancy Carlock, was born February 27, 1847; he was married January 10, 1866, to Susan Luvina Defoar. (38) Gustavus[4] Taylor Fite lives in Calhoun, Ga., and has issue:

(106) Houston[5] Montgomery Fite; born March 10, 1867; married Lou. Sloan October 11, 1889.

(107) Sarah[5] Nancy Ann Fite; born September 20, 1868; married Robert E. Dillard November 19, 1885.

(108) Henry[5] Blucher Fite; born March 25, 1870; married Alice Sloan February 26, 1894.

(109) Susan[5] Arminta Fite; born February 2, 1872; died October 22, 1873.

(110) Isaac[5] Franklin Fite; born December 12, 1874; married Lula White October 10, 1897.

(111) Charles[5] Gustavus Fite; born January 16, 1876.

(112) Ollie[5] Felton Fite; born February 2, 1878.

(113) Sidney[5] Peter Fite; born March 12, 1880; married Linnie Redinger, September 14, 1905.

(114) Ruth[5] Mary Fite; born November 12, 1882.

(115) Arah[5] Fannie Fite; born November 30, 1885.

(116) Pratt[5] Elizabeth Fite; born December 19, 1888.

(508) **Solomon[3] Fite** (Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (2) Peter[2] Fite and Barbara Hedenger; married and raised a family in North Carolina. Through his great-grandson comes the record of his descendants, through his son James; his wife's name and names of other children have not been preserved. Issue as far as known:

(509) James[4] O. Fite, p. 26.

(509) **James[4] O. Fite** (Solomon,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (508) Solomon[3] Fite, was born March 30, 1801, and died November 7, 1848. He was married to Mary S., who was born June 16, 1803. Issue:

(510) Malinda[5] S. Fite; born December 15, 1821; married David[5] Rhyne.

(511) John Wallace[5] Fite, p. 26.

(512) Mary[5] E. Fite; born December 10, 1825.

(513) James[5] O. Fite; born September 3, 1827; married.

(514) Martha[5] C. Fite; born July 16, 1829.

(515) Cinthia[5] Ann Fite; born April 23, 1831; married Isom Jones.

(511) **John[5] Wallace Fite** (James,[4] Solomon,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (509) James[4] O. Fite and Mary S., was born in Gaston County, North Carolina, December 13, 1823. He married, August 17, 1849,

Sarah Elmina Gaut, born December 22, 1834, daughter of Robert Gaut and Mary Hunauker. John[5] Wallace Fite died in the Confederate Army September 14, 1864.

Issue of (511) John[5] Wallace Fite and Sarah Elmina Gaut as follows:

(516) William[6] Robert Fite, p. 27.

(517) Margaret[6] Isadore Fite; born September 29, 1853; married June 27, 1869, to Arvil Garrison, issue James[7] W. Garrison, Fanny[7] Garrison and Mamie[7] Garrison. (517) Margaret[6] Isadore Fite married the second time, Mr. Frazier, and lives in Catawba, N. C.

(518) Charles[6] D. Fite; born July 18, 1859, in North Carolina; died July 18, 1875, in Mississippi.

(519) David[6] Wallace Fite; born August 15, 1862, in North Carolina; married December 28, 1887, to Nattie Sharp, of Mississippi; she died in 1888. He married second time, Judie Cole; died 1905; issue: Winifred,[7] John,[7] and Homer[7] Fite.

(516) **William[6] Robert Fite** (John,[5] James,[4] Solomon,[3] Peter,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (511) John[5] Wallace Fite and Sarah Elmina Gaut, was born in Dallas, Gaston County, North Carolina, January 1, 1851. He married twice: first, Letitia Bogard, November 4, 1874, daughter of Dr. A. Bogard, of Benton County, Mississippi; she died August 13, 1887. Issue by this marriage, three children. Married second, to Cara A. Davis, November 6, 1895, daughter of William H. Davis of Ripley, Tenn. Issue two children. William[6] Robert Fite lives in Early Grove, Miss. He is a banker, merchant and planter. Issue of (516) William[6] Robert Fite as follows:

(520) Ellie[7] May Fite; born August 8, 1878; graduated at Mt. Pleasant, Miss.; married Wiley Vaught Jenkins of Clarksdale, Miss.

(521) Charles[7] Robert Fite; born June 23, 1883.

(522) Queen[7] Letitia Fite; born June 13, 1886.

(523) John[7] Davis Fite; born July 1, 1901.

(524) Robbie[7] Lucile Fite; born January 12, 1905.

(3) **Catharine[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]), daughter of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catharine, was born, presumably, in Philadelphia, Pa., before her parents moved to Greenwich Township, Sussex County, New Jersey. If not born in Philadelphia, she was born in Sussex County, New Jersey. The marriage license of "Catharine Fight and Daniel Packer, September 21, 1771, of Greenwich," is on file in New Jersey. This couple is said to have moved to North Carolina in 1787, with Catharine's brothers, sisters, and their families.

(4) **Conrad[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]), son of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catharine, born either in Pennsylvania or New Jersey, moved to North Carolina after his father's death, in the company of his brothers and sisters. He lived near his brother (2) Peter[2], in Rowan County, N. C., and the Federal Census of 1790 shows the inmates of his house at that time, consisted of one white female and himself—the "white female" may have been his wife or a housekeeper. Conrad[2] died without issue, and presumably intestate; his property was divided between his brothers and sisters. It has been stated that he left a will; if so, it was never probated in Rowan County.

(5) **Mary[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]), daughter of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catharine, was born either in Philadelphia, Pa., or in Greenwich Township, Sussex County, New Jersey. She married Mr. Pendleton, and moved with her brothers and sisters to North Carolina in 1787; thence to Tennessee, where she died at a very advanced age, living to nearly one hundred years. She was buried near Liberty, Tenn.

(6) **Christina[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]), daughter of (1) Johannes[1] Fite, and his wife, Catharine, married Mr. Lamberson. She moved from Greenwich Township, Sussex County, N. J., to North Carolina, in 1787, with her brothers and sisters. In 1796 she and her family moved to Tennessee, and she died at the age of 96 years, and was buried near Liberty, Tenn.

(7) **Rev. John[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]), the son of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife, Catharine, was born in Greenwich Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, April 1, 1758. Saffell gives his name in the list of Capt. Hazlett's "Minute Men," under Col. McKinney, in the Continental Army, during the Revolution. He enlisted for different periods during the war, and served under Captains Wm. White, James Anderson, Mackay, David Phillips, and Major Hoops; in the commands of Colonels John Fleet and A. McCinny (McKinney). He participated in at least one battle, the battle of Millstone, at which he was wounded. His service was in the ranks, and not as an officer, as some of his descendants have thought. These facts were set forth by him in his application for a pension, made the same day as that of his brother (8) Leonard's,[2] November 27, 1832. His pension was allowed, and the record of his service is on file with the Pension Bureau at Washington. After the war, John[2] Fite had a warrant for two hundred acres of land in North ampton County, Pennsylvania, on which he paid non-resident taxes, until he took up his residence there, after his marriage, and about this time his brother Leonard moved to Northampton County

in 1785. Two years prior to his move to North Carolina, he was living in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and the tax collector had his name registered as "John Voght." Further information regarding the Rev. John[2] Fite's career is given in the following sketch, written after his death, by his son (120) Moses[3] Fite, and furnished the author by the Rev. John's[2] grandson (181) Robert[4] H. Fite, of Marionville, Mo. The sketch is, in the main, correct; the slight discrepancy in dates might have occurred with any one writing from heresay and memory. (120) Moses[3] failed to make clear the fact that (7) John[2] and his family were a part of the little band of brothers and sisters, with their families, *i.e.*, Leonard,[2] Peter,[2] Conrad,[2] Mrs. Lamberson,[2] Mrs. Pendleton,[2] and Mrs. Packer,[2] who went from New Jersey to North Carolina, thence to Tennessee; they settled near each other in Tennessee, and were never at any time separated, with the following exception, *i.e.*, Peter followed the little band into Tennessee about 1805, and Conrad died in North Carolina. (7) John[2] did not go alone with his wife and children into North Carolina and Tennessee, as might be inferred from the wording of the sketch. In North Carolina (7) John[2] Fite was member of the "Ninth Company." Four of his children were born prior to 1790.

"Death of a Soldier of the Cross, and of the American Revolution"

"Rev. John Fite departed this life on the morning of the 18th of February, 1852, at the residence of his son, Rev. Henry Fite, near Liberty, DeKalb County, Tenn., in the ninety-fourth year of his age. He was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, and at the age of seventeen enlisted in the Army, under Washington, and was in several important engagements with the enemy, in one of which he was slightly wounded. About the close of the war he was married to Martha Haslet; soon after made a profession of religion and united with the Lutherans. In 1786 (should be 1787—*Ed.*) he removed to Lincoln County, North Carolina, where he found but few of the Lutheran profession; and the Presbyterians so nearly affiliating in doctrine with his own people, he connected himself with them and was chosen a ruling elder. He was then in the vigor of manhood, and had become convinced that it was his duty to preach the gospel. Not having had the advantages of a liberal education (the Presbyterians required knowledge of the ancient languages—*Ed.*), as required by the Presbyterian standards, of candidates for the ministry, he could not obtain a license. Having lived twelve years in North Carolina (should read nine years—*Ed.*), in 1798 (1796—*Ed.*) he turned his footsteps westward and found his way to the Cumberland river, in Tennessee, and crossed over in sight of Nashville, then but a small village (Nash's Lick—*Ed.*). He pursued his way to Mill Creek, where he rested two weeks.

"The region of territory, then known as Smith's Fork, lying on both sides of a stream of that name, and afterwards included in Smith County, and later in DeKalb County, was at that time attracting much attention, on account of its fertility, and he determined to move there. He had to cut his road fifty-five miles through a wilderness, which required sixteen days of hard toil. Here he unloaded his wagon, put his family and effects in a cane tent, and turned back to Nashville to procure a supply of corn meal, his family, in the meantime, subsisting on bear meat, purchased from the Indians. Such are specimens of the hardships our forefathers endured in settling this now fruitful and finely-cultivated country. Having opened a road, as before observed, leading from Mill Creek to Smith's Fork, other settlers soon followed him, and among them were Methodists and Presbyterians; preachers who organized societies as the wants of the settlement required. Father Fite connected himself with the Presbyterian society at Spring Creek, eighteen miles distant from his home, where his membership continued ten years.

"About this time the Baptists were organizing churches in this section of the country, and he was led to examine the views of the Baptists, by comparing them with the Scriptures. He also read Pedobaptist works with an honest and enquiring heart. Acting under these influences it is not strange that he was not long in forming his opinion as to the side of which had the truth. Church government had also entered deeply into his investigations. The anti-republican character of the organization with which he was connected, to his mind, was clear and conclusive. In short, he had, in his investigations, become a thorough Baptist, and in 1813 his connections with the Presbyterians terminated, and he was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church. His former convictions of duty, in reference to preaching the Gospel returned with full force, which was not obstructed by his brethren, though he had, at this time, attained to between fifty and sixty years of age. He was soon solemnly ordained to the work, and the histories by his labors prove that he was an efficient worker that need not be ashamed. Under his ministry many churches have been organized, and multitudes have been accustomed to regard him as their spiritual father. He continued his ministerial labors until his ninety-second year.

"Father Fite had now outlived his generation. The amiable partner of his bosom had gone to her rest twenty-three years before (Martha Haslet Fite, died 1829). He was now in the fourth generation of his children, and, although resigned to the will of God, he desired to go where he could be with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He seemed to retain the full fruition of his faculties to the hour of his death, and Jacob-like, drew up his feet in his bed and gave up the ghost. Thus he passed from our midst, the venerable John Fite.

"We close with a few remarks respecting his Christian and min-

isterial character. His sermons, in many respects, might, with great propriety, be taken as models by our young ministers; in general, they were short, pithy, and pointed. He was a fluent speaker, both in the German and English languages. He was a close reader of the Bible, as well as theological and historical works in general. Aided by one of the best of wives, he was remarkably regular in his habits. Morning and night he maintained family worship, and, in his absence, his pious wife took his place in conducting the services.

"He was the father of ten children, five of whom survive him, and are professors of religion, one a Baptist preacher. May the pious life of our aged father stimulate us all to follow his counsels and virtuous examples."—Published in 1852, in *The Tennessee Baptist.*

Issue of (7) Rev. John[2] Fite and Martha Haslet, ten children; only the seven following names have been preserved:

(117) Peter[3] Fite, p. 31.

(118) Thomas[3] Fite, p. 31.

(119) John[3] Fite; was with Gen. Jackson at the battle of New Orleans and supposedly killed there, as he was never heard of afterwards.

(120) Moses[3] Fite, p. 38.

(121) Henry[3] Fite, p. 38.

(122) Margaret[3] Fite; married Mr. Goodner, and had a son John,[4] who was in the Mexican War, and was also a Colonel in the Confederate Army (Civil War).

(123) *Daughter*[3], who married Mr. Ford, and had sons, Jefferson,[4] Moses,[4] and James.[4]

(117) **Peter[3] Fite** (John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of the (7) Rev. John[2] Fite and Martha Haslet, moved to Tennessee from North Carolina, in 1796. He later lived in Fentress County, Tennessee, and had at least one son; *i.e.*, (124) R——[4] M—— Fite, who married Elizabeth Frances, who died in Fentress County, Tenn., when her son was but eleven years of age. The father, (124) R.[4] M. Fite, and son, moved to Texas in 1880; this son of R.[4] M. Fite and Elizabeth Frances Fite is (125) Jeremiah[5] Thomas Fite, and lives in Denver, Col., where he is General Car Foreman of the Colorado and Southern Railway.

(118) **Thomas[3] Fite** (John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (7) Rev. John[2] Fite and Martha Haslet, was born October 20, 1788, in North Carolina. He was taken to Tennessee by his parents, and in 1820 he moved to Trenton, Tenn., and cleared the first ground and built the first house there; he also built the first mill and was the first County Court Clerk of Gibson County. Prior to this move, March 10, 1814, he married Aspasia Randolph, daughter of Nathaniel

Randolph, commissary in the Revolutionary War, and his wife, Hannah Hill; they were Virginians. A sketch of the Randolph family is appended. Harvey, the fifth child of this couple, was the first white child to be born at what is now Trenton, Tenn. Thomas[3] Fite died December 9, 1858.

Issue of (118) Thomas[3] Fite and Aspasia Randolph as follows:

(126) Martha[4] Fite, p. 32.

(127) William[4] Carroll Fite, p. 33.

(128) Phoebe[4] Fite, p. 34.

(129) Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite, p. 35.

(130) Harvey[4] Fite; born September 14, 1821; died 1880, single.

(131) John[4] Randolph Fite, p. 36.

(132) Mary[4] Fite; born December 5, 1825; married William Beadles and had two children.

(133) Rebecca[4] Fite; born April 15, 1828; died July 30, 1880.

(134) Elizabeth[4] Fite; born November 9, 1830; married Mr. Wilburn. Issue, Thomas[5] Fite and Blanche[5] Wilburn.

(135) Sara[4] Jane Fite, p. 37.

(126) **Martha[4] Fite** (Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest child of (118) Thomas[3] Fite and Aspasia Randolph was born in Tennessee, January 25, 1815. She married December 14, 1829, Elisha Billingsley, who was born December 20, 1809. Martha died about 1890. The children of this couple were eleven in number, namely:

(*a*) Jeptha[5] Lafayette Billingsley; born April 4, 1832; married Jane Stein in 1855. Issue (1) Martha[6] E., who married Mr. Eads, (2) John[6] Walter, (3) Nellie,[6] married Mr. Looney, (4) Georgia[6] married Mr. Patterson. (5) William,[6] (6) Jessie,[6] (7) Aubrey.[6]

(*b*) William[5] Carroll Billingsley; born September 8, 1833; married Kitturia M. Holden September 20, 1859. She died February 3, 1860. William[5] married second time, Emma Putnam, and had issue Olivia,[6] who married a Mr. Quincey.

(*c*) Mercia[5] Phoebe Billingsley; born March 29, 1836; married in 1851 Pleasant S. Oatman, who died August 16, 1879. Issue, (1) Villita[6] Ellis; born November 5, 1855; died August 25, 1860. (2) Martha[6] May; born October 24, 1857; married July 3, 1884, to Hiram T. Coates; issue, Nina[7] May Coates; born February 1, 1886. Helen[7] Oatman Coates; born July 7, 1890. John[7] Oatman Coates; born April 10, 1895. (3) Carrie[6] Ella; born October 24, 1860; married William Henry Kistler, July 3, 1883; issue, Alice[7] May Kistler; born November 19, 1884. William[7] Henry Kistler, Jr.; born July 6, 1886; died December 9, 1886. Erle[7] Oatman Kistler; born April 16, 1890. (4) Pleasant[6] Lee; born January 22, 1866; died August 30, 1866. (5) Iva[6] Anna; born November 27, 1867; married Thomas Marioneaux in 1886, and has issue, Dorothy[7] May; born July 5, 1893. (6) Arthur[6] Gaensline;

born April 3, 1870; died July 25, 1871. (7) John[6] Deweese; born June 18, 1873; died June 26, 1883. (8) Lillie[6] Maud; born May 10, 1875; died May 14, 1875.

(*d*) Jesse[5] Preston Billingsley; born November, 1837; killed in the Civil War.

(*e*) Thomas[5] Clinton Billingsley; born February 9, 1839; died 1863; married Melissa E. Bolt, November 6, 1861.

(*f*) John[5] Houston Billingsley; born August 16, 1841; married Olivia Putman in 1867; issue, Cora,[6] Alonzo,[6] Edna,[6] May,[6] Jay[6] Dee, Belma,[6] Deltah,[6] and Martha.[6]

(*g*) James[5] Madison Billingsley; born July 9, 1843; died in infancy.

(*h*) Locke[5] Kent Billingsley; born May 21, 1845; married Zenobia Scott November 26, 1866; issue, James,[6] Albert,[6] William,[6] Ella,[6] Mariane.[6]

(*i*) Miriam[5] Ocenia Billingsley; born November 30, 1847; married Frederick Wade, February 18, 1866; issue, (1) Henry,[6] married Victor McGinnis; (2) Homer,[6] married Nannie Burke; (3) Jessie,[6] married Thomas Owens; (4) Maurice,[6] married Ella Ramsey; (5) Roxy,[6] married Rufus Crosby.

(*j*) Harvey[5] Fite Billingsley; born May 15, 1852; died September 23, 1884; married Ida M. Mahoney, June 24, 1884.

(*k*) Deltah[5] L. Billingsley; born July 20, 1855; married James Litton in 1870; issue, (1) Walter[6] Lee, married S. Smith; (2) Belle,[6] married William Carter; (3) Olive,[6] married Paul Wilhelm; (4) Mabel,[6] married William Condron, (5) Forest[6], (6) Eileen[6], (7) Roy,[6] (8) Earl,[6] (9) Helen,[6] (10) James.[6]

(127) **William[4] Carroll Fite** (Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son of (118) Thomas[3] Fite and Aspasia Randolph, was born in Tennessee, August 3, 1816. He made his home in Hickman, Kentucky, and owned a line of steamers that ran between Hickman and New Orleans. He married twice: first, Sarah Ann Hogg, by whom he had two sons; second, Martha Ann Cole, in New Orleans, May 28, 1853, daughter of Thomas Cole and Charlotte Henrietta Howerton, of Virginia, who moved to Kentucky during Martha's childhood; they had one daughter.

William[4] Carroll Fite was a Sergeant in the Indian Wars. He died November 30, 1862, and was buried in Hickman, Ky. Issue of (127) William[4] Carroll Fite, as follows:

(136) DeWitt[5] Fite; born October, 1842, in Hickman, Ky.; married Mary Horn, of Columbus, Ky.

(137) Walter[5] Fite; born October, 1843, in Hickman, Ky.; married Mary E. Cole, of Hickman, and now lives in Smithville, Texas.

(138) Mary[5] Bloys Fite; born October 20, 1856; married A. H. Cole, of Elgin, Texas, and has two children: Martha[6] Lee Cole, born October 23, 1879, and Mason Griffin Cole, born July 26, 1881.

(128) **Phoebe**[4] **Fite** (Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (118) Thomas[3] Fite and Aspasia Randolph, was born at McMinnville, Tenn., January 30, 1818. She was married at Trenton, Tenn., July 15, 1835, to Dr. Lewis Levy; born at St. Marys, Ga., February 22, 1808; died at Trenton, Tenn., November 14, 1879. Dr. Levy was a finely educated man, and considered, in his day, the best physician in West Tennessee. He took his degree of M.D. at the Louisville College of Medicine, Louisville, Ky.; he was the son of Lewis Levy, an Englishman of good family, and his mother was the daughter of Col. Patterson and niece of Com. Patterson, of Revolutionary times. Col. Patterson owned the shipyard at Philadelphia, which has remained in the family until recently, when the firm of "Neafie and Levy" was absorbed by the Trust. Phoebe[4] Fite died at Big Hill, Texas, August 2, 1899.

Issue of (128) Phoebe[4] Fite and Lewis Levy, M.D., as follows:

(*a*) Carilla[5] Ann Levy; born April 3, 1836; died March 20, 1879; single.

(*b*) Lewis[5] Levy; born March 18, 1838. Was in the medical department of the Confederate Army, throughout the Civil War, attached to the Sixth Tennessee Regiment. Was stationed at Jackson, Tenn., until it fell into the hands of the Federals, then was ordered to Montgomery, Ala., and remained there until the close of the war. He married June 8, 1870, Louise Maria Harrar, born October 28, 1842, at Philadelphia, Pa. Issue, (1) John[6] Harrar Levy, born July 26, 1873; married April 15, 1903, Mary Elizabeth Rosenberger; their child, Katharine,[7] was born April 12, 1904. (2) Louisa[6] Levy, born July 18, 1878.

(*c*) Henrietta[5] Levy; born July 4, 1840; married C. J. Patterson.

(*d*) Blanche[5] Levy; born January 21, 1843; died October 24, 1843.

(*e*) Theodore[5] Levy; born January 21, 1844; lived but a day.

(*f*) Charles[5] P. Levy; born November 24, 1846; married Mattie Herndon, and is a practicing physician at Crisp, Texas.

(*g*) Julia[5] Levy; born January 25, 1848; lived one day.

(*h*) Rupert[5] Levy; born June 15, 1849; died November, 1880; married Frances Patton.

(*i*) John[5] P. Levy; born February 17. 1852; married Lorain Salmon.

(*j*) Celeste[5] M. Levy; born November 26, 1855; died November 4, 1876; single.

(*k*) Thomas[5] Levy; born October 15, 1858; lived a day.

(*l*) Nellie[5] Levy; born September 9, 1863; married Robert Bryant, May 20, 1890.

(129) **Thomas**[4] **Jefferson Fite** (Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (118) Thomas[3] Fite and Aspasia Randolph, was born November 26, 1819. He was married twice; first in 1846, to Elizabeth

Caroline Henderson, by whom he had four children; second, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Bishop) Jackson, July 15, 1856, by whom he had six children. Mrs. Jackson was the widow of Thomas Jackson, and had two children, James and Letty, at the time of her second marriage. Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite was a farmer, and a miller; he died May 13, 1865. His children were as follows:

(139) Stephen[5] Starker Fite; born 1847; died August 30, 1873; single.

(140) James[5] Henry Fite, p. 35.

(141) Elizabeth[5] Caroline Fite, p. 35.

(142) Mary[5] Emma Fite, p. 35.

(143) Ellen[5] Aspasia Fite, p. 36.

(144) Thomas[5] B. Fite, p. 36.

(145) Charles[5] Wesley Fite; born 1861; lives in the Indian Territory; single.

(146) Sidney[5] Jefferson Fite, p. 36.

(147) John[5] Vernon Fite; born March 5, 1865; died March 5, 1885.

(148) Beulah[5] Estella Fite; born 1866; married William Travis, and lives at Milan, Tenn.

(140) **James[5] Henry Fite** (Thomas,[4] Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (129) Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite and his first wife, Elizabeth Caroline Henderson, was born in June, 1849. He married October 26, 1886, Mary Frances Blankenship, born November 26, 1872. Their children are as follows:

(149) Charles[6] R. Fite; born September 21, 1891.

(150) Robert[6] Henry Fite; born September 6, 1893.

(151) Beulah[6] Estella Fite; born June 12, 1895.

(141) **Elizabeth[5] Caroline Fite** (Thomas,[4] Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (129) Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite and his first wife, Elizabeth Caroline Henderson, was born May 10, 1851; died March 5, 1885. She was married to Robert Henry Bellew; died August 10, 1887, by whom she had issue:

(*a*) Ada Bellew; married Wilson Sims (?) and has two children.

(*b*) Edna Bellew; married Robert Davis and has one child.

(142) **Mary[5] Emma Fite** (Thomas,[4] Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (129) Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite and Elizabeth Caroline Henderson, was married twice: first, to Andrew Davis, January 25, 1872, by whom she had one son; second, to John Bird, February 12, 1880, by whom she had two children, who died in infancy.

Mary[5] Emma Fite, died August 10, 1883; her son by Andrew Davis was:

(*a*) James[6] Davis; married Josey Blankenship, and has two children, Ethel[7] and Minnie[7] May.

(143) **Ellen[5] Aspasia Fite** (Thomas,[4] Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest child of (129) Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite and his second wife, Elizabeth (Bishop) Jackson, was born in 1857. She married John Bailey, a farmer; she survives him and makes her home at Milan, Tenn.

Issue of (143) Ellen[5] Aspasia Fite and John Bailey as follows:

(*a*) Mary[6] Bailey.
(*b*) B. Jones[6] Bailey.
(*c*) Thomas[6] Bailey.
(*d*) Zula[6] Bailey.

(144) **Thomas[5] B. Fite** (Thomas,[4] Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]). son of (129) Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite and Elizabeth (Bishop) Jackson, was born June 12, 1859. He has been married twice; first, in 1887, to Ellen Spear, by whom he has one son; second, in 1895, to Lizzie Sullivan, by whom he has three children.

(144) Thomas[5] B. Fite lives at Trezevant, in West Tennessee, and his children are:

(152) John[6] Thomas Fite; born in 1888.
(153) Minnie[6] Gladys Fite; born March 17, 1897.
(154) Edward[6] Eugene Fite; born February 15, 1899.
(155) Shelma[6] Claudene Fite; born December, 1904; deceased.

(146) **Sidney[5] Jefferson Fite** (Thomas,[4] Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (129) Thomas[4] Jefferson Fite and Elizabeth (Bishop) Jackson, was born in 1863; he married Minnie Blankenship, and has issue, as follows:

(156) M——[6] Fite; born September 15, 1892.
(157) Effie[6] Fite; born July 4, 1895.
(158) Prentice[6] Fite; born August 11, 1898.
(159) Ellen[6] M. Fite; born October 10, 1901.
(160) Ivy[6] Fite; born April 29, 1904.

(131) **John[4] Randolph Fite** (Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (118) Thomas[3] Fite and Aspasia Randolph, was born July 20, 1823; he was a miller and planter, lived a quiet, retired life, and married Harriet Ellen Hopkins, the 25th of May, 1863. He died April 8, 1879.

Issue of (131) John[4] Randolph Fite and Harriet Ellen Hopkins, as follows:

(161) Walter[5] Egbert Fite; born February 8, 1864, and lives at Jackson, Tenn.

(162) John[5] Newton Fite, p. 37.

(162) **John[5] Newton Fite** (John,[4] Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (131) John[4] Randolph Fite and Harriet Ellen Hopkins, was born June 11, 1868. He was educated in the High School and Southwestern Baptist University of Jackson, Tenn., where he was engaged in business prior to moving to Campti, La., where he now lives, and is in the lumber business. He married Jessie Louise McClintock, November 25, 1896, by whom he has issue:

(163) Philip[6] Harold Fite; born January 11, 1899.

(164) Sara[6] Louise Fite; born June 1, 1906.

(135) **Sara[4] Jane Fite** (Thomas,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), tenth and youngest child of (118) Thomas[3] Fite and Aspasia Randolph, was born at Trenton, Tenn., July 31, 1832. She was married in 1856 to Zachariah Gardner Jackson, by whom she had the following children:

(*a*) Thomas[5] Daniel Jackson; born 1858; died March 4, 1902. He married, first, Nannie McNail, of Lavinia, Tenn., in 1879; she died October 9, 1888; no issue. He married, second, in October, 1894, Ivy Irene Thomas; issue, Thomas[6] Luther Jackson.

(*b*) Luther[5] Jackson; born in September, 1860. He married in October, 1889, Clara Mullens of Verbena, Ala.

(*c*) Nannie[5] Jackson; born December 25, 1861; married November 15, 1882, Richmond Jarold Burrow; they live in Milan, Tenn., where Mr. Burrow is a dry goods merchant. This couple has three children: Shellie, age 22 years; Nova Nelle, age 17 years; Richard Jackson, age 6 years. The eldest child has been pursuing her musical studies in New York and Berlin, for several years, and is considered to have exceptional talent for the piano and violin.

(*d*) Allie[5] Jackson; born November 11, 1863; died August 18, 1865.

Randolph Family

Arms—Gu on a cross ar. five mullets pierced sable. Crest: an antelope's head couped, holding in its mouth a stick or Motto. Fari quae sentiat.

This sketch was supplied by Mrs. W. H. Kistler, of Denver, Col. Compiled by Miss Harriet Talbot, of the State House, at Austin, Texas.

Lieutenant-Colonel William[1] *Randolph*, member of House of Burgesses, 1700-1705; Captain of Henrico County Forces, 1680; Lieutenant-Colonel, 1679; Attorney-General and member of the

Royal Council of Virginia, Founder of William Mary College, 1690; born 1651, Morton Morrell, Warwickshire, Eng.; died on Turkey Island, Virginia, April 11, 1711. He and his descendants bore the coat of arms of the Randolphs of Biddsuden, County Kent, Eng., and when John Randolph was member of the Middle Temple he used openly, as belonging to him, these arms. Wm. Randolph married Mary Isham, daughter of Henry Isham and Katherine, his wife, and had issue: William[2] of Turkey Island, Thomas[2] of Tuckahoa, *Isham*[2] of *Dungeness*, Richard[2] of Curles, Henry[2] of Chatsworth, Sir John[2] of Tagelwell, Edward[2] of Breno.

Isham[2] of *Dungeness*, born 1690, was Burgess for Goochland, and Adjutant-General of Vir., 1738; Agent for the colony to England, 1717; married Jane Rogers, of London, Eng.; issue, Jane,[3] Thomas,[3] *William*,[3] Mary,[3] Elisabeth,[3] Dorothy,[3] Anne,[3] and Susanna,[3]

William[3] *Randolph*; married *Miss* Little; issue, *Nathaniel*[4], Peyton, Isham,[4] and Henry.[4]

Nathaniel[4] *Randolph* was a commissary during the Revolutionary War; he married Hannah Hill; issue, Jeremiah,[5] Jessie,[5] Elijah,[5] John,[5] James[5] Frior, *Aspasia*,[5] Abigail,[5] Jane,[5] Phoebe,[5] Matilda,[5] and Alta.[5]

Aspasia[5] *Randolph*; married (118) Thomas[3] Fite, son of (7) Rev. John[2] Fite and Patty Haslet. The marriage took place in middle Tennessee, and Thomas[3] Fite founded Trenton, Tenn., his son Harvey being the first child born there.

(120) **Moses[3] Fite** (John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of the (7) Rev. John[2] Fite and Martha Haslet, wrote the sketch of his father's life, given on page 28. He married and left children in middle Tennessee. Issue as far as known:

(165) Haslet[4] Fite; married Louise —— ——, and had issue, (166) Thomas[5] C. Fite; born February, 15, 1846; died March 15, 1875; married Margaret Rebecca Vick, November 11, 1866. Issue of this couple, (167) Frederick[6] Fite, (168) Sallie[6] Louise Fite, born February 3, 1869; married John Turner, August 11. 1895. (169) Robert[6] Fite; (170) W.[6] M. Fite.

(121) **Rev. Henry[2] Fite** (John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of the (7) Rev. John[2] Fite and Martha Haslet, was born in Tennessee, December 22, 1800; died February 23, 1861. He was married twice; first, about 1825, to Mary Graustaff, by whom he had eleven children; she died about 1843, and Rev. Henry[3] Fite was married the second time, December 4, 1845, to Martha Garrison, born April 21, 1826; died September 26, 1879, by whom he had four children. The Rev. Henry[3] Fite was a missionary Baptist preacher, at Salem Baptist Church, Liberty, Tenn.

Issue of (121) Rev. Henry[3] Fite as follows:

(171) John[4] Cantrell Fite; married Miss Bratten. He moved to Southern Illinois prior to the Civil War. When war was declared between the States, he enlisted and served in the Union Army, until the battle of Franklin, Tenn., where he was severely wounded. The last year or two of his service he held a captain's commission. (This information is furnished by his half brother, (181) Robert[4] H. Fite.)

(172) Elizabeth[4] Fite; married Harvey Cornelius, of Alabama.

(173) William[4] L. Fite, p. 39.

(174) Henry[4] M. Fite; married Mary Barger.

(175) Isaac[4] Newton Fite, p. 42.

(176) Caroline[4] Fite; married John Barger.

(177) Sarah[4] Elizabeth Fite; married Harvey Smith.

(178) Sophronia[4] Fite; married George Pritchett.

(179) Nancy[4] Fite; died, aged twenty years.

(—) Two infants who died.

(180) James[4] H. Fite, p. 43.

(181) Robert[4] Henry Fite, p. 43.

(182) Mary[4] T. Fite, p. 44.

(183) Thomas[4] E. Fite, p. 44.

(173) **William[4] L. Fite** (Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (121) Rev. Henry[2] Fite and his first wife, Mary Graustaff, was born in Liberty, Tenn., August 24, 1830. He was married to Julia A. Shafer; born February 3, 1831; died in 1892, sister of G. M. Shafer, M.D., of Bloom Centre, Logan County, Ohio. William L. Fite served one year in the Union Army during the Civil War. As a young man he left Tennessee, to visit his sister Elizabeth, who had married Harvey Smith, and lived in the northern part of Mississippi; afterwards took a boat at New Orleans for Cincinnati, where he lived for a year, then moved thirty miles further north, where he met the lady he afterwards made his wife. He lived in that neighborhood until 1872, when he moved to Logan County, Ohio, near Bellefontaine; he died in Logan County, in 1894, two years after the decease of his wife.

Issue of (173) William[4] L. Fite and Julia A. Shafer, as follows:

(184) Calvin[5] Henry Fite, p. 39.

(185) Antoinette[5] Fite; born May 22, 1854; died September 22, 1866, at Edwardsville, Warren County, Ohio.

(186) Samuel Loraine[5] Fite, p. 40.

(187) Courtland[5] Fite, p. 41.

(188) Callie[5] Fite, p. 41.

(189) Syren[5] E. Fite, p. 41.

(190) Frank[5] Fite, p. 41.

(191) Lewis[5] M. Fite, p. 42.

(184) **Calvin[5] Henry Fite, M.D.** (William,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Jo-

hannes[1]), eldest son of (173) William[4] L. Fite and Julia A. Shafer, was born September 18, 1852, at Edwardsville, Warren County, Ohio. After the usual instruction received at the common schools, he entered the National Normal College, Lebanon, Ohio, at the age of fifteen. In 1876 he graduated in the Teacher's Course, and two years later in the Scientific Course. He taught for twelve years in Ohio and Indiana, and while teaching took up the study of medicine, under his maternal uncle, Dr. G. M. Shafer, of Bloom Centre, Ohio. He took his first course of lectures in the St. Louis Medical College, and a two years' course at the Physio-Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio. He began practice at Bloom Centre, where he remained three years, then moved to Portland, Ind., where he occupied the Chair of Chemistry in the Portland Normal College. Later he moved to Modoc, Randolph County, Ind., where he practiced some years, and while there he married Cannie M. Snodgrass in September, 1885. She was the daughter of Hamilton Snodgrass, a philanthropic and public-spirited citizen of Losantville, Ind. After his marriage, Dr. Fite moved again to Ohio and practiced a few years, then back again to Indiana, at Marion, where he now resides and holds the chair of Chemistry and Toxicology in the Marion Medical College. In March, 1897, he graduated from the National College of Electro Therapeutics, of Indianapolis, Ind. He is a member of the Medical Association of Northwestern Ohio, and the Medical Association of Northern Indiana, and ranks very high in professional circles. In politics he is a Democrat, is a free and broad-minded man. A man much interested in the fraternal orders in which he holds membership, *i.e.*, the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and Rebecca degree in the I. O. O. F.; also a member of the Tribe of Ben Hur, and The Yeomen.

Issue of (184) Calvin[5] Henry Fite, M.D., and Cannie M. Snodgrass, as follows:

(192) Donald[6] W. Fite; born June 16, 1886, in Unopalia, Ohio.

(193) Bloom[6] Fite; born March 14, 1888; died September 15, 1895.

(194) Ada[6] DeVere Fite; born June 13, 1890, at Marion, Ind.

(195) William[6] Hamilton Fite; born November 2, 1892, at Marion, Ind.

(196) Julia[6] A. Fite; born November 17, 1895, at Marion, Ind.

(186) **Samuel[5] Loraine Fite** (William,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (173) William[4] L. Fite and Julia A. Shafer, was born March 8, 1856; married Mina Wren, born December 4, 1856, by whom he has had seven children, as follows:

(197) Harry[6] Fite; born May 5, 1881. He is living in North Dakota, on his own 160 acres of land.

(198) Herbert[6] Fite; born February 23, 1883.

(199) Bessie[6] Fite; born August 3, 1885.

(200) James[6] Fite; born April 13, 1887.
(201) Lettie[6] Fite; born November 24, 1889.
(202) Frank[6] Fite; born October 26, 1891.
(203) George[6] Fite; born February 6, 1894; died August 16, 1894.

(187) **Courtland[5] Fite** (William,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (173) William[4] L. Fite and Julia A. Shafer, was born August 8, 1858. He married Margaret Wren, sister of Mina Wren, wife of Loraine[5] Fite. They live in Santa Fe, Anglaize County, Ohio, and have issue:
(204) Lloyd[6] Fite; born July 8, 1882.
(205) Pearl[6] Fite; born September 28, 1884.
(206) Clifford[6] Fite; born February 11, 1886.
(207) William[6] Fite; born March 15, 1888.
(208) Otto[6] Fite; born September 10, 1890.
(209) Blanche[6] Fite; born August 10, 1892.
(210) Clyde[6] Fite; born March 24, 1894.
(211) Bryan[6] Fite; born March 8, 1896.

(188) **Callie[5] Fite** (William,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (173) William[4] L. Fite and Julia A. Shafer, was born December 9, 1860, and married John McLaughlin, born September 14, 1850. This couple live in Bloom Centre, Ohio, and have had issue as follows:
(*a*) Laura[6] May McLaughlin; born February 25, 1880; married December 28, 1898, W. D. Pence and had issue, Wilbur Pence, born June 16, 1901; Ruth Pence, born March 26, 1903. The mother died May 23, 1906.
(*b*) Florence[6] Maud McLaughlin; born April 10, 1882; married William Hurley.
(*c*) William[6] Herbert McLaughlin; born January 4, 1889.
(*d*) John[6] Leroy McLaughlin; born June 25, 1897.

(189) **Syren[5] E. Fite** (William,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes,[1]), daughter of (173) William L. Fite and Julia A. Shafer; was born April 8, 1864, and married Daniel Davis. Issue as far as known:
(*a*) Ward[6] Davis.
(*b*) Edna[6] Davis.
(*c*) Leroy[6] Davis.
(*d*) Sylvester[6] Davis.
(*e*) *Tuce*[6] Davis. This is a nickname.
(*f*) *Bud*[6] Davis. This a is nickname.
(*g*) Julia[6] Davis and her twin, who died.

(190) **Frank[5] Fite** (William,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (173) William[4] L. Fite, and Julia A. Shafer, was born December 21,

1871. He was married to Lona Roberts; born March 19, 1878, and lives at Marion, Ind. Their children are as follows:

(212) Virgil[6] Fite; born November 15, 1894.

(213) Esther[6] Fite; born April 3, 1896.

(214) Lester[6] Fite; born September 7, 1897.

(191) **Lewis[5] M. Fite** (William,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child of (173) William[4] L. Fite and Julia A. Shafer, was born June 6, 1877; married in June, 1905, to Miss —— Whitten, by whom he has issue:

(215) Marion[6] Gladys Fite; born 1906.

(175) **Isaac[4] Newton Fite** (Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest son of (121) Rev. Henry[3] Fite and his first wife, Mary Graustaff, was born June 17, 1836, at Liberty, Tenn. He was married in 1856 to Medora Melcenie Bethell, who was born May 26, 1833, daughter of Dr. Tilman Bethell of Tennessee. At the beginning of the Civil War, Isaac[4] Newton Fite joined the Union forces and had charge of the building of the stockade at Liberty, and was a member of the "Home Guard," as Commissary Sargeant. He served to the end of the war. In 1881 he migrated to Southwestern Missouri, and died May 15, 1902.

Issue of (175) Isaac[4] Newton Fite and Medora Melcenie Bethell as follows:

(216) Benjamin[5] Franklin Fite, p. 42.

(217) John[5] E. Fite, p. 43.

(218) Marcus[5] S. Fite; lives in Oklahoma City, O. T.

(219) Annette[5] Fite; married Wat. Vantrees; she is deceased.

(220) Henry[5] R. Fite; married a Mrs. Davis and lives at Wishart, Mo.

(221) Isaac[5] Tilman Fite, p. 43.

(222) Dorothy[5] Mary Fite; married Lou. Davis and lives at Walnut Grove, Mo.

(216) **Benjamin[5] Franklin Fite** (Isaac,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), the eldest child of (175) Isaac[4] Newton Fite and Medora M. Bethell, was born at Liberty, Tenn., July 15, 1857. At the age of twenty-two he migrated to Ottawa, Kansas, and later to St. Louis, Mo., where he still resides. In St. Louis he married Ida Rivers, daughter of Henry and Mary Rivers, who had lived at Port Washington, Wisconsin, prior to moving to St. Louis. The father had come to America from Scotland, and the mother from Germany. Benjamin[5] Fite and Ida Rivers were married July 16, 1884. Issue:

(223) Clementine[6] G. Fite; born December 12, 1891.

(217) **John[5] E. Fite** (Isaac,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (175) Isaac[4] Newton Fite and Medora Melcenie Bethell, is a farmer, living in Mohler, Idaho. He married January 9, 1890, Ida Looney, daughter of Benjamin and Martha Looney, and has the following issue: (Received too late to be numbered in order.)

(505) Lilly[6] May Fite; born May 7, 1891; died February 23, 1892.

(506) Chauncey[6] Robert Fite; born September 24, 1893.

(507) John Ray Fite; born September 18, 1896.

(221) **Isaac[5] Tilman Fite** (Isaac,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]) son of (175) Isaac[4] Newton Fite and Medora Melcenie Bethell, was born December 14, 1871. He was married September 26, 1894, to Ella Lee Steen, born February 9, 1873, daughter of George and Thursey Steen, of Webster County, Mo. Issue:

(224) Iva[6] Fite; born September 23, 1898.

(225) Orvil[6] Fite; born December 14, 1900.

(180) **James[4] H. Fite** (Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son by his second wife, Martha Garrison, of (121) Rev. Henry[3] Fite; he was born July 15, 1847, and lives at the present time in Sulphur Springs, Ark. He has been married twice; first, to Mary F. Allen, May 24, 1874, near Carthage, Mo. She died the following year, leaving an infant daughter. James married the second time, Clementine Malory, about 1878, by whom he has four daughters.

Issue of (180) James[4] H. Fite, as follows:

(226) Diantha[5] H. Fite; born 1875.

(227) Martha[5] C. Fite; born 1881.

(228) Mary[5] Emma Fite; born 1883; is married and has one child.

(229) Grace[5] A. Fite; born 1893.

(181) **Robert[4] Henry Fite** (Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (121) Rev. Henry[3] Fite and his second wife, Martha Garrison, was born September 19, 1849. He has lived in Marionville, Mo., twenty-nine years, and was the editor and owner of the daily paper, which he sold some years since. He is now in the furniture business. He was married, September 28, 1876, to Elizabeth Cornelia Ward, daughter of John T. and Catharine Ward of Ohio; born April 14, 1852, by whom he has had issue, as follows:

(230) Emmett[5] M. Fite, p. 44.

(231) Charles[5] H. Fite; married November 22, 1904, Viva Coleman.

(232) Ethel[5] C. Fite; born September 27, 1883; she spent the two past years at the Northwestern University, Evanston,

Ill., graduating from the School of Oratory June, 1906. Spent the summer of 1906 in Europe and is now teaching in the College at Marionville, Mo.

(233) Gerald[5] L. Fite; born July 3, 1895; died February 9, 1897, aged 19 months.

(230) **Emmett[5] M. Fite** (Robert,[4] Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1],) eldest son of (181) Robert[4] Henry Fite and Elizabeth C. Ward, was born August 6, 1877; he was married June 1, 1898, to Elizabeth Stafford, by whom he has issue:

(234) Pauline[6] Fite; born April, 1900.
(235) Mildred[6] Fite; born January, 1902.
(236) Barbara[6] Fite; born July, 1906.

(182) **Mary[4] T. Fite** (Henry,[3] John,[2] Johannes[1]), only daughter of the (121) Rev. Henry[3] Fite and his second wife, Martha Garrison, was born December 21, 1853; died August 18, 1888. She was married December 28, 1871, to L. J. Bratten, by whom she had two sons and three daughters; all deceased.

(183) **Thomas[4] E. Fite** (Henry,[3] John[2], Johannes[1]), youngest child of (121) Rev. Henry[3] Fite, and Martha Garrison, was born August 20, 1856. He was married in October, 1884, to Gedie Ferrell, of Elmwood, Tenn., by whom he has issue:

(237) James[5] Fite; born 1885.
(238) Ralph[5] Fite; born 1887.
(239) Earl[5] Fite; born 1889.
(240) Ernia[5] Fite; born 1894.

(8) **Leonard[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]), son of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife Catherine, was born February 1, 1760, in Greenwich Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, on his father's farm. His age was recorded in the church book of St. James Lutheran Church, better known as the "Old Greenwich Church" and "Old Straw Church." This church is still in use and is situated in Stewartsville, near Phillipsburg, New Jersey. (8) Leonard[2] Fite enlisted in the New Jersey troops of the Revolutionary Army when very young; he was a member of Capt. Hazlett's "Minute Men," and saw thirteen months' actual service as follows: Two months under Capt. John Hazlett, four months under Capt. James Anderson, two months under Capt. Joseph Mackey, five months—the captain not stated; the entire thirteen months he was in Col. McKinney's command, as a private. Leonard[2] applied for his pension at the age of 72, November 27, 1832; said pension was granted and the record is in the pension office at Washington, D. C. At the close of the war, at the

age of twenty-one, Leonard[2] married Margareth Cross, of Oxford, Sussex County, New Jersey, April 12, 1781; they left Sussex County and moved across the State line into Pennsylvania, where Leonard[2] had a warrant for one hundred acres of land in Allen Township, Northampton County; they lived there six years. In 1785 Leonard's[2] Federal tax was on one hundred acres of land and some cattle; a year later he had an additional ten acres upon which he paid taxes. The tax collector spelled his name variously Feight and Fight (Pa. Archives, Vol. 19, 3d Series). After the birth of three sons Leonard,[2] with his little family and his brothers and sisters, moved to North Carolina. Leonard[2] and his wife took with them a certificate of church membership, written in both English and German, signed by their pastor, Rev. John Frederick Ernst, and dated September 21, 1787. Several children were born to Leonard[2] and Margareth in the nine years they lived in Lincoln County, N. C. The Federal Census of North Carolina for 1790 shows that Leonard lived in the Eleventh Company,* and had in his household, besides himself, four white males under the age of sixteen, and two white females, one of whom was his wife. In 1796 Leonard and his family, with some of his brothers and sisters, moved farther west, into Tennessee, and Leonard[2] entered land near Nash's Lick (Nashville), but upon learning that some one else held an older title to the land, he gave up possession and moved into Smith County, where he located permanently, at what is now known as Alexandria, De Kalb County. He cleared the land and built the home in which his five youngest children were born, making a total of twelve; the youngest died in infancy. Leonard[2] prospered in his new home; he owned many acres, some slaves, and was a man of much importance in his neighborhood. The remains of the large house, still standing in 1890, bore testimony to the lavish scale on which the estate was run, even in the days when the Indians were still a menace to the settlers. (8) Leonard[2] Fite died March 22, 1842, aged eighty-two years, and was buried at Alexandria, Tenn. He left a widow, eleven children and many grandchildren.

Margareth Cross, wife of (8) Leonard[2] Fite, was born at Oxford, Greenwich Township, Sussex County, New Jersey, April 12, 1761. She lived to an unusual age, being nearly one hundred and four years old at the time of her death, which occurred November 1, 1864. At the time of her husband's death Margareth applied for her widow's pension, which was granted. A newspaper notice of Margareth's death covers the main points of interest in her life, and is given here in full.

"*Death of a Remarkable Woman.*—We mentioned in Tuesday's Dispatch that Mrs. Peggy Fite, who died a few days ago in Wilson County, was one hundred and three years old. She was born on the

* In the early days the settlers lived in companies, which were numbered, according to the location in the counties. In this way, by saying a man was member of such and such a company, it was possible to know in what part of the county he lived.

12th of April, 1761, and was, consequently, one hundred and three years old on the 12th of April last. Her husband, Leonard Fite was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and fought through that struggle as a private. Mr. and Mrs. Fite emigrated to Tennessee from North Carolina, and settled here when this place was known as Nash's Lick. In those days Mrs. Fite often assisted in moulding bullets while her husband and others belonging to the "settlement" were defending themselves against the attacks of the Indians. Mrs. Fite has lived with her third child, Jacob Fite, in Wilson County, for a number of years, her husband having died many years since, in Smith County. On the twelfth of April, 1861, a large number of her descendants met at the house of Jacob Fite and celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her birthday. At that time she had eleven children living—her oldest (a son) being eighty years old, and her youngest (a daughter) fifty-nine; seventy-six grandchildren, three hundred and five great-grandchildren, seventy-one great-great-grandchildren, and two great-great-great-grandchildren ; in all, four hundred and fifty-four living descendants. At the time of her death her grandchildren of the fifth generation had increased to twenty-one. Mrs. Fite was a remarkable woman, and actively participated in the exciting struggles incident to the early settlement of this State. She retained a vivid recollection of the revolutionary struggles, as well as those which resulted in the establishment of the white settlements in Tennessee. Her memory was clear, and her health good almost to the hour of her death. Indeed, it may be truthfully said that she lived until 'the delicate machine' was entirely worn out, and 'the wheels of weary life at last stood still.' "

At the celebration of her one hundredth birthday the tables were run the length of the dining room, out across the porch and down on the lawn under the trees. "Granny Fite" was seated at the head of the table in the dining-room, and her descendants were placed according to descent, the small children being seated at the far end of the table under the trees. Soon after this reunion Margareth fell and broke her hip; but in spite of this accident, she lived nearly four years longer. At the time of her death she had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church fifty years; she lies buried near Lebanon, in Wilson County, Tennessee, in the burying ground of her son (243) Jacob[3] Fite, in whose home she died.

Issue of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross as follows:
(241) John[3] Fite, p. 47.
(242) Elizabeth[3] Fite, p. 49.
(243) Jacob[3] Fite, p. 50.
(244) Leonard[3] Fite, p. 82.
(245) Joseph[3] Fite, p. 88.
(246) Catharine[3] Fite, p. 88.
(247) David[3] Fite, p. 88

(248) Moses[3] Fite, p. 91.
(249) William[3] Fite, p. 93.
(250) Sarah[3] Fite, p. 98.
(251) Margareth[3] Fite, p. 98.
(252) Infant; born about 1807; died unnamed.

(241) **John[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son and child of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in December, 1781, in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, and removed with his parents to Lincoln County, N. C., in 1787, and in 1796 to Tennessee. He was married twice; first at a very early age, to Nancy Smith, by whom he had twelve children; second to Mary Evans; no issue.

In 1861, the anniversary of his mother's one hundredth birthday John[3] Fite was eighty years of age, and at that time had only five children living; he had thirty-six grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. John[3] Fite died in Dallas County, Arkansas, just prior to the Civil War. He was living with his sons. Two of his daughters married Mr. Watts and Mr. Foster, and lived in Dallas County, Arkansas. Eight of (241) John's[3] children, by Nancy Smith, were as follows:

(253) Joseph[4] Washington Fite, p. 47.
(254) Leonard[4] Fite; moved to Tulip, Dallas County, Arkansas.
(255) La Fayette[4] Fite; moved to Tulip, Dallas County, Arkansas.
(256) Nancy[4] Fite; lived in Arkansas.
(257) Judith[4] Fite; lived in Arkansas.
(258) Margareth[4] Fite; lived in Arkansas.
(259) Angelina[4] Fite; lived in Arkansas.
(260) Philip[4] Fite; moved to Dallas County, Arkansas.

(253) **Joseph[4] Washington Fite** (John,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son of (241) John[3] Fite and Nancy Smith, was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, in 1798; he was married September 30, 1838, to Margaret Isler Beasley. Six years previous to his marriage he moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where he was a merchant, until his death, which occurred October 8, 1853.

Issue of (253) Joseph[4] Washington Fite and Margaret Isler Beasley, as follows:

(261) John[5] Wesley Fite, p. 48.
(262) Joseph[5] Washington Fite; born 1841; died 1843.
(263) Lillian[5] May Fite; born July, 1843; lives in Jackson, Miss.
(264) Thomas[5] Isler Fite; born August 16, 1846; served as a private during the Civil War in Co. D, Mississippi Volunteers, of

which his brother, John Wesley Fite, was Captain. He died in 1881.

(265) Louis[5] W—— Fite; born May 4, 1848; died, single, in 1897.

(266) Mary[5] Josephine Fite; born October 17, 1850; died in 1868.

(267) Maria[5] Louise Fite, p. 49.

(261) **Captain John[5] Wesley Fite, C. S. A.** (Joseph,[4] John,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest child of (253) Joseph[3] Washington Fite and Margaret Isler Beasley, was born in Jackson, Miss., September 28, 1839. At the beginning of the Civil War he was elected Captain of Co. D, Tenth Mississippi Volunteers; he led his Company from his native town and served with the Army of Tennessee in every engagement it fought. At one time his Company numbered 135; at this writing there are but six of the old Company alive. For the past twenty years Capt. Fite has been in the Government Service in the Treasury Department, at Washington. January 5, 1869, Capt. John[5] Wesley Fite was married to Amanda Donnell, born 1843; died February 19, 1899, daughter of William Harvey Donnell and Susan Benthall, who had moved from Tennessee to Jackson, Miss., about 1835. (Donnell sketch appended.)

Issue of (261) Capt. John[5] Wesley Fite and Amanda Donnell:

(268) Susan[6] Elizabeth Fite, p. 48.

(268) **Susan[6] Elizabeth Fite** (John,[5] Joseph,[4] John,[3] Leonard[2], Johannes[1]), only child of (261) Capt. John[5] Wesley Fite and Amanda Donnell, was born in Jackson, Miss., February 19, 1872. She moved, with her parents, to Washington in 1886, and was educated there in the public and private schools, after which she spent two years at the Columbian University, now known as the George Washington University. She is a writer for the magazines and newspapers, and her articles dealing with the census statistics take high rank; among the best are, "Migration of the Negro," "Growth of Cities," and "The Eleventh Census." She was married March 15, 1893, to Walter Pitman Ramsey, of Bolivar, Tenn. He was born in Texas, December 1, 1859, the son of the Rev. Thomas Polk Ramsey, who had moved to Tennessee during his son's infancy. Rev. Thomas Polk Ramsey was member of the Memphis Conference of the M. E. Church, South. On his mother's side he was a Polk, cousin to James K. Polk, former president of the United States. His paternal grandfather was Major William Ramsey, of the Revolutionary Army.

Walter Pitman Ramsey has traveled extensively in the West; and fifteen years ago he was Indian Agent on the Fort Hall Idaho Reservation. He is now in the government service at Washing-

ton, an expert accountant in the office of the auditor for the War Department.

Issue of (268) Susan[6] Elizabeth Fite and Walter Pitman Ramsey as follows:

(*a*) Logan[7] Carlisle Ramsey; born February 26, 1898.

(*b*) Walter[7] Pitman Ramsey; born February 21, 1901.

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Data supplied by (261) *Capt. John[5] Wesley Fite, of Washington, D. C.*

William Harvey Donnell was of Scotch-Irish descent, a wealthy planter and slave owner. The Civil War wrecked him financially. The latter years of his life he was City Treasurer of Jackson. He was a man of indomitable will, unswerving integrity, and rigidly concientious. Though of a stern nature, he was greatly beloved, and the whole city of Jackson mourned his death in 1878; his wife died in Washington, March 13, 1891. This couple had ten children, only two of whom are now living; *i.e.*, Mrs. Frances Barr, of Selma, Ala., and George Silas Donnell, of Atlanta, Ga., chief examiner of Civil Service for the South. Amanda Donnell had Revolutionary ancestors, and seven of her father's brothers were Presbyterian ministers.

(267) **Maria[5] Louise Fite** (Joseph,[4] John,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (253) Joseph[4] Washington Fite and Margaret Isler Beasley, was born in Jackson, Miss., July 25, 1853. She was married December 30, 1879, to Meredith Watts, son of Judge Jacob J. Watts and Mary Spiller of Ticfaw, La. His grandparents were Louis Watts and Rachael Alston of Raleigh, N. C.

Issue of (267) Maria[5] Louise Fite and Meredith Watts as follows:

(*a*) Joseph[6] Fite Watts; born October 18, 1881.

(*b*) Charles[6] Wesley Watts; born September 14, 1883.

(*c*) Mary[6] Bailey Watts; born August 15, 1886.

(*d*) Thomas[6] Montgomery Watts; born February 10, 1888.

(*e*) Margaret[6] Elizabeth Watts; born August 20, 1890; died February 25, 1891.

(242) **Elizabeth[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in the year 1783. She moved with her parents to Tennessee in 1796, and later married James Robinson, by whom she had thirteen children. This family lived in or near Liberty, Tenn. In 1861, at the time of her mother's birthday celebration, Elizabeth[3] Fite Robinson had ten children living, seventy-five grandchildren and thirty-nine great-grandchildren.

(243) **Jacob[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), third son of (8) Leonard[2] Fite, the Revolutionary soldier, and his wife, Margareth Cross, was born in Allen Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1786. He was taken, while an infant, to Lincoln County, North Carolina, by his parents, and nine years later to Tennessee. When grown Jacob[3] Fite lived on his own plantation in Wilson County, Tennessee, where he dispensed a generous hospitality until the breaking out of the Civil War. His estate comprised many hundred acres and a number of slaves. Nearly everything used on the place was produced there. (295) Dr. Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite, grandson of Jacob[3], has a clear recollection of the life at this old homestead before the ravages produced by the Civil War. Visits to his grandparents were looked upon as great events, and were usually made in the family carriage, with his mother, from their home, "Shady Side," near Shelbyville, which was a two days' drive from Lebanon.

Jacob[3] Fite's place was situated three miles from Lebanon, and the house could be seen from the road at the end of a long shady walk. The house was a large and irregular structure, having been added to from time to time, as the family increased in size. Some distance back of the main house were the negro quarters, a long row of comfortable log cabins, substantially built. Near by were bee hives and a structure for drying and preserving fruits; a large earth cellar in the garden for preserving vegetables during the winter; a large garden, grape arbors, and orchards on either side, and broad fields stretching back to the forest in the distance. In the forest was a maple sugar grove, with a structure for producing maple syrup and sugar. Not far from the "great house" was a "smoke house," where meats were cured and preserved. There were numerous barns for horses, mules and cows; a dairy built over a never-failing spring, ice house, carriage house, blacksmith shop, a wagon shop and a mill for grinding corn and wheat, which was run by horse-power. There were cabins containing looms and spinning wheels, which were operated by the women slaves. Cotton, wool, and flax were grown on the place, not for shipment, but to be worked up into fabrics for use of the large family and slave population. There were hundreds of chickens, ducks, guinea fowls and geese about the place; and peacocks strutted proudly over the lawn. Such was the little principality over which Jacob[3] Fite and his wife presided, as their grandson recalls it.

(243) Jacob[3] Fite was married November 29, 1810, to Matilda Beard of North Carolina, who was in all respects a helpmeet to him. Their doors were ever open to the "Circuit Riders" (Methodist Preachers), who were always honored guests, and to friends and relatives, who found there unfailing welcome. Plenty reigned, and love and kindness. These people were sturdy old-fashioned Christians, believing firmly in their duty to God and their neighbor; their children were raised in this wholesome atmosphere, which

resulted in the development of a set of characters far above the average in all respects. The sons were brainy men and brave soldiers, who have left their marks in the paths of learning and commercial life of their State. They but reflected the characteristics of their parents, who were justly proud of them, and who retained their love, and attention, to the last. But one of the four daughters lived to maturity. She inherited from her parents, not alone the gentle characteristics so essential to charm of womanhood, but the sturdy determination and courage that stood her bravely in a life sadly checkered with many vicissitudes.

As illustrating the sturdy character for integrity of Jacob[3] Fite, the following incident has been preserved: In 1864, while the Civil War was yet in progress, he, with others of his friends and neighbors, was summoned to Nashville to take the oath of allegiance to the Federal Government, and provide themselves with the requisite protection of the Provost Marshall. After he had taken the oath, the Marshall asked him how many sons he had and where they were. Being informed that so far as Mr. Fite knew five out of the seven were South, and if not in the Confederate Army, were in sympathy with it, the Marshall said: "Your love for your sons and attachment for them, sir, makes your oath of no practical value. It must be stronger than your love for the Government. Is it not so, sir?" Mr. Fite replied that he recognized no right to be questioned on the matter. "If I reply as you would have me, my neighbors would know I had sworn to a lie, and worse than that, my God would know that I had perjured myself. I can tie my hands, my feet, or my tongue, by the oath I have taken, but I can not my heart from going out towards my boys." The Provost Marshall snatched from Mr. Fite the certificate he had given him, and with profane abuse threatened him with imprisonment. A. V. S. Lindsley, a leading Union man, interested himself in Mr. Fite's behalf, and brought him to an audience with the General commanding, who listened respectfully to Mr. Fite as he recited his account of the interview he had had with the Marshall. Impressed with profound respect for Mr. Fite's regard to an oath, he ordered a pass issued, at once, saying, "I have no doubt, old gentleman, you will keep your word more strictly than many who are now crowding here to make oath to their loyalty." Jacob[3] Fite supplied five sons to the Confederate Army. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church forty-nine years, and died December 5, 1870.

Matilda M. Beard of North Carolina, sister of Edwin Beard and Rowena Beard Anderson, and wife of (243) Jacob[3] Fite, was born November 27, 1793; died October 18, 1876, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church fifty-six years. She was buried by the side of her husband in the family burying ground, in Wilson County, Tennessee. To say that she was a good wife and mother has a deeper significance than appears on the face of it, for she

lived at a period when to be the mother of a large family, and mistress of a home, was no light or easy matter, for while there was plenty of everything and to spare, to be the mistress of a large estate in those days meant being "mistress, manager, doctor, nurse, counsellor, seamstress, teacher, housekeeper, slave, all at once. She was at the beck and call of every one, especially of her husband, to whom she was guide, philosopher and friend." The mistress was "the keystone of the domestic economy, which bound all the rest of the structure and gave it its strength and beauty. From early morn till morn again the most important and delicate concerns of the plantation were her charge and care. She gave out and directed all the work of the women. From superintending the setting of the turkeys to fighting a pestilence, there was nothing which was not her work." And Matilda Beard Fite was just such a mistress of her husband's estate. This life was far from being a life of ease, as has been commonly supposed by the outside world, and yet there was no dearth of "good times;" there was much entertaining. It was Matilda who superintended the feast, and had in charge the several hundred guests on the day of her mother-in-law's one hundredth birthday celebration, and again it was Matilda who had the care of her mother-in-law, "Granny Fite," until the old lady's death, at the advanced age of one hundred and four.

However much the successful careers of her sons may be due to their own efforts, credit is due the mother for the characteristics she imparted and the training she gave them. At the time of the mother's (Peggy Fite) one hundredth birthday celebration, in 1861, (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard had eight living children and fourteen grandchildren.

Issue of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard as follows:

(269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite, p. 54.
(270) Dorcas[4] Rowena Fite, p. 56.
(271) Samuel[4] McClary Fite, p. 57.
(272) Margaret[4] Melissa Fite; born May 31, 1818; died young.
(273) Eliza[4] Ann Fite; born February 3, 1821; died young.
(274) Sarah[4] Salina Fite; born April 10, 1823; died young.
(275) Albert[4] Beard Fite, p. 63.
(276) Jacob[4] Cross Fite, p. 63.
(277) John[4] Amenas Fite, p. 78.
(278) James[4] Leonidas Fite, p. 80.
(279) Edwin[4] Campbell Fite, p. 81.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF (243) JACOB[3] FITE, OF WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

January, 1860. In the name of God, Amen: I, Jacob Fite, being of sound mind, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Matilda Fite, the farm whereon we live (except the south end of the tract beginning at

the lower south end of the meadow field, thence eastwardly to a stake the south end of the east branch, southwest and north to the beginning; also a small field north of the branch adjoining Leander Scott's land, and west of the Cainsville road) during her lifetime; also two negroes, her choice; two horse beasts; three head of cattle; wagon, buggy, and as much of the farming tools, household and kitchen furniture as she may select; also sheep and provisions of every kind for one year, or in lieu thereof three thousand dollars, to be put at interest by my Executor, and the interest to be hers semi-annually, principal to be equally divided at her death between the heirs of her estate.

Second: I have heretofore given to our son, Leonard Fite, five hundred dollars, in a negro.

Third: I have given to our daughter, Dorcas R. Scott, six hundred dollars in lieu of negroes; it is also my will that she have one of our boys, Beverly or Dan, and the small field south of the branch, and west of the Cainsville road, for the special use and benefit of herself and family, subject to be disposed of only as she may desire and bequest. Her husband, Leander Scott, can direct his balance in use of the land for the benefit of their family, and at the death of our daughter, the land and negroes to be the property of their heirs. It is also my will that the portion of our estate that may fall to her shall be paid to her at such times and in such sums as she may require, by our executor.

Fourth: I have given to our son, Samuel M. Fite, five hundred dollars in extra schooling.

Fifth: I have given to our son, Albert Fite, *** hundred * * *

Sixth: I have given to our son, Jacob C. Fite, five hundred dollars. * * *

Seventh: I have given to our son, John A Fite, six hundred dollars. * * *

Eighth: I have given our son, James Fite, seven hundred and fifty-five dollars. It is my will that our son, Edwin C. Fite, receive five hundred dollars, having received nothing as yet.

I give and bequeath our granddaughter, Amanda Scott, our little negro girl, July, during her natural life, after her death to descend to her children, if any; if not, to her brothers and sisters.

I appoint as executors of this, my last will, our sons, Leonard and Samuel M. Fite, no security to be required of them. In witness whereof, I set my hand and seal. No interest to be counted on those having received over five hundred dollars, nothing but amount received and that the negroes be valued and drawn for choice, and not be sold as stock.

Witness my hand and seal, this 9th day of February, 1860.

JACOB FITE (seal).

R. C. Scobey, Jno. J. Hortsfield.

The negro and small field is to be valued to her at my death, it being extra of the five hundred dollars.

JACOB FITE (seal).

I give to my daughter, Rowena Scott, not to be subject to the debts or contracts or control of Leander Scott, or any future husband she may have, a small piece of land lying west of the Cainsville road, beginning at said road running west—the lane—Arch Allens line, thence south to the branch, east of the Cainsville road, thence north to the beginning, being about five acres; this is intended not as an advancement, but as a gift and is not to be valued to her in the distribution of my estate. My negroes having been freed, I give her the above and the proceeds of my Turnpike stock during her natural lifetime.

Witness my hand and seal, 2nd day July, 1867.

JACOB FITE (seal).

Edwin C. Fite, J. W. Fite.

State of Tennessee, Wilson County Court, March term, 1871: The last Will and Testament of Jacob Fite, deceased, together with the codicile thereto, was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of subscribing witnesses, R. C. Scobey, Jno. J. Hortsfield, Edwin C. Fite, J. W. Fite, and ordered to be recorded and filed as the last will and testament of the deceased.

R. P. MCCLAIN, *Clerk.*
By JOE. N. MCCLAIN, *J. P.*

Recorded March 14, 1871.

(269) **Leonard[4] Beard Fite** (Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest child of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard, was born in Alexandria, Tenn., November 17, 1811. At the age of nineteen he entered the employ of Robert I. Moore, a general merchant of Nashville, Tenn.; four years later, 1834, he left Mr. Moore and entered the retail dry goods business for himself. In 1853 he gave up the retail and entered the wholesale trade, exclusively, as L. B. Fite & Co.; this business he sold out in 1859. He was for many years a Director in the Bank of Tennessee, and later filled the same office in the Union Bank. Although frequently importuned, he would never enter political life; his tastes inclined otherwise. He watched with close attention the details of his business affairs, and was never absent from business by reason of illness for five days in forty years. Leonard[4] retired from active business many years prior to his decease, at which time he left a large estate. He was held in the highest esteem as a man and father, as a friend, merchant and citizen. His name was synonomous for honesty and straightforwardness. As an illustration of his reputation in this respect, the following incident is a good example: (295) Dr. C.[5] C. Fite, nephew of Leonard[4] Beard Fite, when quite a young man, was traveling through the country, and being delayed from some cause, found himself at nightfall far from home and short of funds. He drove up to a country store and asked hospitality of the proprietor, for himself and team over

night, telling the old merchant his name. The reply was in the form of a question, "Are you kin to L. B. Fite?" Upon being informed he was a nephew of L. B. Fite, he was invited in with the remark, "If you are a nephew of L. B. Fite, you are bound to be all right." Unlike many men of wealth, L. B. Fite was ever ready to render assistance to less fortunate relatives and friends. He died in 1882, at his home in Sumner County, eighteen miles north of Nashville, and had been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church many years prior to his death. (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite married three times; first, January 1, 1840, to Amanda Reynolds, by whom he had one son; second, November 15, 1853, to Virginia G. L. Randall, by whom he had one son; third, August 15, 1866, to Mrs. Martha (Campbell) Mann, by whom he had three daughters.

Issue of (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite as follows:

(280) James[5] W. Lee Fite, p. 55.

(281) Leonard[5] Beard Fite, p. 55.

(282) Florence[5] Martha Fite, p. 56.

(283) Martha[5] Campbell Fite; born February 25, 1872; died young.

(284) Virginia[5] Alice Fite, p. 56.

(280) **James[5] W. Lee Fite** (Leonard,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite and Amanda Reynolds, was born in Davidson County, Tenn., July 27, 1846. He was married September 27, 1876, to Marion Madora Fletcher, daughter of Nathaniel Fletcher and Elizabeth Pescud, of Virginia. The records of the Pescud family have recently been written and the interesting fact revealed that General Washington, Thomas Nelson and Thomas Pescud had a common ancestor in Col. George Reade, brother of Robert Reade, secretary to Windebank, who was Secretary of State to Charles I. The family is traced far into England. The Thomas Pescud mentioned was grandfather of Marion Madora Fletcher Fite, who is eligible to the Colonial Dames on several counts, and to the D. A. R. James[5] W. Lee Fite is a successful farmer near Hendersonville, Tenn.

Issue of (286) James[5] W. Lee Fite and Marion Madora Fletcher as follows:

(285) Arthur[6] Reynolds Fite; born July 23, 1879.

(286) Elizabeth[6] Fletcher Fite; born March 27, 1882.

(281) **Leonard[5] Beard Fite** (Leonard,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite and Virginia G. L. Randall, was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, December 21, 1856. His home is in Nashville, where he is prominent in the business and political circles of the city. Leonard[5] Beard Fite was

married in 1878 to Eunice Williams, by whom he has had three daughters and two sons.

Issue of (281) Leonard[5] Beard Fite and Eunice Williams as follows:

(287) Lucy[6] Fite; born in 1879; died in 1898.
(288) Eunice[6] Josephine Fite, p. 56.
(289) Leonard[6] Beard Fite; born in 1884; died young.
(290) Virginia[6] Louise Fite, p. 56.
(291) John[6] Fite; born in 1892.

(288) **Eunice[6] Josephine Fite** (Leonard,[5] Leonard,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (281) Leonard[5] Beard Fite and Eunice Williams, was born in 1881, and married March 12, 1906, to Fielding Harris Yost, at the home of her parents, in Nashville, by the Rev. T. C. Ragsdale. Mr. Yost is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Yost of West Virginia; his home at the present time is in Detroit, Mich.

(290) **Virginia[6] Louise Fite** (Leonard,[5] Leonard,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (281) Leonard[5] Beard Fite and Eunice Williams, was born in 1886, and was married December 6, 1905, at the home of her parents, in Nashville, to Daniel Earl McGugin, of Detroit, Mich. The ceremony was performed at half after five o'clock P.M., by Rev. G. W. Bull, pastor of Moore Memorial Church.

Issue:

(*a*) Lucy[7] Ann McGugin; born September 19, 1906.

(282) **Florence[5] Martha Fite** (Leonard,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite and Martha (Campbell) Mann, was born September 16, 1867. She was married November 2, 1886, to Haiden Dodd, of Nashville, Tenn. Issue:

(*a*) Leonard[6] Haiden Dodd; born September 17, 1887.
(*b*) Robert[6] Fite Dodd; born September 11, 1890.
(*c*) Felix[6] Campbell Dodd; born May 12, 1892.

(284) **Virginia[5] Alice Fite** (Leonard,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child of (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite and Martha (Campbell) Mann, was born September 16, 1877. She was married August 23, 1897, to H. William Adams, of Nashville, Tenn.

(270) **Dorcas, Rowena Fite** (Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1])[4] eldest daughter of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard, was born in Alexandria, Tenn., February 14, 1814. She was married to Leander Scott, brother of Bishop Scott, Missionary Bishop of the

Episcopal Church, May 5, 1831. Dorcas[4] Rowena Fite was the only one of the four daughters of Jacob[3] and Matilda Beard Fite who lived to maturity. Her life was filled with sorrow. Of the eleven children born to her, she lived to see ten of them laid to rest. During the protracted illness and subsequent death of her husband and these ten children, the patience and Christian fortitude and the nobility of her character secured for her the love and reverence of all who knew her. She died August 9, 1893, at the home of her son, Albert Scott, near Lebanon, Tenn.

Issue of (270) Dorcas[4] Rowena Fite and Leander Scott as follows:

(*a*) George[5] Lee Scott; born February 18, 1833; died March 24, 1873.

(*b*) Sarah[5] Melissa Scott; born November 20, 1834; died January 6, 1857.

(*c*) Eli[5] Thomas Scott; born January 8, 1837; died January 27, 1841.

(*d*) Leonard[5] McClarny Scott; born February 3, 1839; died February 25, 1852.

(*e*) Rufus[5] Kerr Scott; born October 30, 1840; died March 3, 1865.

(*f*) Mary[5] Amanda Scott; born May 22, 1842; died May 16, 1867. She was married May 6, 1861, to Walter B. Burns, and had issue, Walter B. Burns, Jr., who was born April 28, 1866.

(*g*) Isabella[5] J. Scott; born July 2, 1844; died January 15, 1866. She was married June 11, 1863, to John Hearn, by whom she had issue, Leonora Hearn, born March 9, 1865.

(*h*) Elenora[5] Scott; born April 9, 1846; died January 13, 1872.

(*i*) Robert[5] Kerr Scott; born April 1, 1849; died March 3, 1865.

(*j*) Matilda[5] Fite Scott; born March 12, 1851; died August 3, 1881.

(*h*) Albert[5] Campbell Scott; born December 3, 1855. He was married May 5, 1886, to Ammie Louise Davis, by whom he has had six children, as follows:

(*a*) Louise[6] Scott; born December 28, 1888.

(*b*) Albert[6] Campbell Scott; born August 24, 1890.

(*c*) Norman[6] Fite Scott; born March 12, 1892, and died July 22, 1892.

(*d*) Edgar[6] Davis Scott; born July 25, 1895.

(*e*) Mary[6] Earnistine Scott; born October 16, 1897.

(*f*) Robert[6] Rufus Scott; born October 19, 1900, and died November 19, 1900.

Albert[5] Campbell Scott is a prosperous farmer and fruit grower near Lebanon, Tenn.

(271) **Judge Samuel[4] McClary Fite** (Jacob,[3] Leonard[2], Johannes[1]) son of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard, was born June 12, 1816. An abstract of the "Tribute of Respect" to the memory

of Hon. Samuel[4] M. Fite, by the Bar Association of Carthage, Tenn., covering his life, is given here.

"The virtues of our public men should be garnered as the chief treasures of a free and enlightened people. Their excellencies of character are jewels which no lapse of time can corrode, and which beam brightly as the centuries roll on to eternity. They are models for the formation of human character. They are beacons to guide all in the conscientious discharge of duty. Let us ever cherish those agencies which shall best conduce to perpetuate the memories, and impress the examples of those who have lived amongst us, and left the rich legacies of faithful, honest, just and conscientious lives. Impressed by sentiments such as these, we have come together to pay our last tribute to the memory of our brother and friend, Judge Samuel McClary Fite.

"He was born on the 12th of June, 1816, in Smith County, Tenn., in a portion of said county now constituting a part of DeKalb County, in said State. He was the second son of Jacob and Matilda M. Fite. His parents were industrious, frugal and devoted to their large family of seven sons and four daughters. The indelible impress of the characters of the parents was stamped on the lives of the children; and as a result of this parental training, they have been unusually successful in whatever pursuits or professions they have embarked.

"The subject of this paper was educated in the private and common schools of the country, until he entered Clinton College, in Smith County. Among the classmates of young Fite, whom we now call to memory, were Judge E. L. Gardenhire, Colonel Jordan Stokes, and General James B. Gardenhire. It was in this College the foundation was laid for the solid fabric of intellectual power afterward reared by Judge Fite. He was a hard, laborious student. He understood his lessons thoroughly. He taught himself by the slow and patient habits of reasoning which he adopted, the mastery of that logic which in subsequent life he wielded so potently and successfully. He worked out in his brain, as well as in his books, the varied problems which he encountered. He was no idler in the vineyard. He was no sluggard on the highway to that eminence from which 'fame's proud temple shines afar.' He continued at Clinton College until he completed his literary course, and graduated.

"Leaving College, he and Mr. Thomas Patterson founded Enon College, in Sumner County. He continued there for a time, giving satisfaction to his patrons, and prosecuting his studies in the law, which he had then determined to make the profession of his life. Severing his connection with Enon College, he went to Lebanon, in Wilson County, to continue his legal studies in a private office—the Law School of that place, since so famed, not having then been established. Having obtained his license, he removed to this place and permanently took up his abode here. He came to a bar

then resplendent with talent and genius. Its contests then were those of intellectual giants—the Carutherses, the Burtons, the Overtons, the Peytons, the Guilds, and others whose names are too familiar to need mention. Among these the diffident and modest Fite took his place, and by diligence, study, thorough preparation, and sleepless vigilance, he soon won causes and clients, and made his steady and progressive way onward to the high distinction which he afterward achieved. His merits so commended him to the confidence of the gallant Campbell, afterward Governor of Tennessee, that they formed a partnership in the practice of the law, which was continued for some time. In 1849, he was elected to the Senate of the State. On this new theatre of action he did his duty faithfully and well.

"In 1852 he was the Whig candidate for Elector of President and Vice-President, in the Congressional District of which Smith County, at that period, formed a part.

"In 1858, a vacancy occurred in the office of Judge of this Judicial Circuit. Samuel M. Fite was elected to said office, on the 20th of October, 1858. He continued to discharge the duties of the office until 1861, when the courts of this section were suspended by the civil war. When it came he boldly and decidedly took his position with the people of his own State and section, and maintained it unswervingly until the fate of battle enforced obedience to the conqueror.

"In 1865, after the war, he resumed the practice of the law in his old judicial circuit, in the counties of Smith, DeKalb, Macon and Jackson, in copartnership with his brother, Col. John A. Fite, of Carthage. The war had brought to him, as to the people generally, financial embarrassment, to some extent. To relieve himself, he worked with the energy, devotion and perseverance of his earlier manhood, and soon restored himself to prosperity and comfort.

"Again, a vacancy occurred in the office of Judge of this Circuit, and he was appointed to fill said vacancy by Governor Senter, on the 24th of July, 1869. Under this appointment, he held said office until the 8th of January, 1870, when he was again elected thereto by the people. Under the new Constitution of Tennessee of 1870, another election became necessary, and he was again re-elected thereto by a considerable majority. He continued to hold said office under this re-election until the 4th of February, 1875, having theretofore resigned the same, to take effect on that date.

"The Democratic Convention convened at Hartsville, Trousdale County, Tennessee, in December, 1874. By said Convention he was nominated for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District of Tennessee, and was elected. He was nominated without solicitation on his part, or seeking the position.

"This ended his official career. Step by step he ascended the ladder. He never was a candidate for office before the people, at any time, when he was defeated. The popular voice continued to call him to higher official position.

"We may add, that in the Convention, held at Nashville, in 1874, to nominate a Democratic candidate for Governor, his name was put in nomination, and he received a respectable support, a result complimentary to him, considered in connection with the fact, that he never aspired to the office.

"On the 6th day of September, 1855, he was married to Miss Catherine Isabella Wilson, a daughter of Doctor Wilson, of Monroe County, Kentucky. Of this intermarriage were born three daughters, who still survive.

"He professed religion, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in early life, and continued a member of said Church until his death.

"We can not enter into a full and complete analysis of his character; but must content ourselves with glancing at the more prominent traits.

"The habits formed in early life were maintained until its close. He was universally urbane, dignified, high-toned in his bearing to all men, frank in all his opinions and positions. He was without the taint of guile in any of its multiform phases. He scorned a hypocrite. His private life from youth to the grave was without reproach. He loved truth, candor and honor. The sheen of his Christian panoply flashed the light of its radiance through all his acts and language. He never for a moment lost sight of his self-respect, his duty to society, or his obligations to his God. In religion he was no formalist. He eschewed sectarianism in any of its outcroppings. He was broad, liberal and catholic in his religious views. His Christian philosophy was that the tree should bear good fruit; and that in silence and quietness, without ostentation or parade, the fruit should grow and ripen.

"His career as a lawyer was marked by success. Indoctrinated in the text-books of the common law; master, as he was, of the ancient legal classics; imbued with a profound knowledge of the reason and spirit of its principles, added to a perspicuous and clear discrimination, he brought to bear these various elements of strength in the practice of the law. He was cautious and wary in the institution of suits. He carefully studied the merits of his cause before he advised its commencement. He advised against petty and acrimonious litigation. In doubtful cases, he counselled compromise and concession. As a pleader he discarded useless verbiage and forms, and struck for the true, naked issues involved. In argument he was clear, vigorous, practical, logical, able and convincing. He practiced none of the arts of rhetoric. He indulged in no tinsel or ornament. But a deep, sincere earnestness, and sometimes vehemence, permeated his arguments, making him a formidable and dangerous adversary, and an able debater, and carrying to the intelligent mind great force and power. The heat of conflict rarely ever betrayed him beyond the bounds of courtesy. He maintained in the fire of the contest, usually and generally, the most thorough self-possession. With a consciousness

of complete preparation and knowledge of the weakness and strength of his cause, he was usually ready on every point, and was not often taken by surprise. He studied with great care the positions of his adversary, and sought to meet them in fairness and candor. His sound memory of principles, his ready power to command and utilize his knowledge, his clear powers of analysis, his admirable faculty for broad generalizations, his acute sense of honesty and justice, his admirable precision in the use of language, his thorough comprehension of the facts, made him an able lawyer and a most accomplished logician. And often he rounded off an effective argument by some quaint maxim of the law, and gave pith to his illustrations by some classical or historical allusion. He was, in the true sense of the word, a hard student.

"His mind as a whole was not brilliant, but solid. His faculties were evenly equipoised, and adjusted in harmonious balance to each other. He was no wit, and rarely essayed humor. But at times his denunciation of wrong and outrage, through which ran a vein of sarcasm, made his forensic efforts, on such occasions, withering and crushing.

"In his judicial office he bore himself above reproach. He was impartial—he knew neither friend nor foe. He was exceedingly kind to young men. To them he so demeaned himself as to convince them of his sympathies in their struggles. He was no egotist—no cynic; but the kindly sentiments of a warm, genial heart displayed themselves in the administration of justice. He measured punishment to the violators of the law in a manner to reform them, and deter others. In mercy he punished the criminal. His learning and his sense of right enabled him to dispense justice in such wise as to commend his judgments, usually to the approval and affirmance of the Supreme Court. Hence, they were seldom reversed. The specious reasoning, the ingenious sophisms of counsel, their eloquent appeals, never betrayed the strong and pungent practical sense which cut in pieces the misleading effort. His justice was as unswervable as the everlasting mountains. His charges to the grand juries were judicial sermons, uttered in the simplest moral language.

"His associations with his fellowmen carried a genial, pervasive influence wherever he moved. Pleasant memories followed his footsteps. His charities were dispensed liberally, but unostentatiously.

"His home was the abode of domestic joys and conjugal felicity. His agreeable temper attuned his nature to the duties of married life. Kind, gentle, forgiving and forbearing, his home was his earthly paradise. His devotion to his worthy wife and loving children knew no limits. The promotion of their comfort and happiness, next to his obligations to his God, constituted the central motive power of all his exertions. His home was distinguished for its genuine hospitality. The relative, the friend, the minister, the stranger found a hearty welcome there, and be-

neath his roof a refined and undemonstrative hospitality was ever dispensed.

"The memory of such a man we cherish; the character of such a man we honor.

"Soon after his retirement from the bench, and his election to Congress, he was stricken down by a disease, which had preyed upon him for more than fifteen years, and he died at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on the 23rd day of October, 1875.

"There rises before our mind, in contemplation of that event, a scene draped with tints of sadness, and glowing with the rich coloring of an affection, far more precious than the hoarded splendors which earthly munificence can confer.

"*The soul of the Christian gentleman, the just judge, the able lawyer, the honest man, the devoted husband, and the loving father, went up calmly and without a struggle to the bosom of his Redeemer.*

"Touching, indeed, in its beauty and simplicity was the request, among the last he ever uttered, made to his wife before his death. He said to her: 'I wish to be buried at Carthage. There has been the scene of the most of the labors of my life; and there I wish to lie where the people have honored me. I have good reason to love them.'

"In obedience to that request, his remains sleep in yonder graveyard, near the old church, in which the songs of its service, and the ministrations from its pulpit had edified, chastened and spiritually educated him, in part, for the enjoyment of his home in the heavenly Eden.

"When the dread summons shall come to each of us—whether when age shall have ripened us, or in youth, or in meridian manhood, may we be gathered to our fathers with such matured and full preparedness, and leave a memory so blessed with all the graces that adorn a manhood so noble.

"*Resolved, therefore,* That in the death of Judge Samuel McClary Fite, the Congress of the United States has been deprived of the services of an able, laborious, and faithful member; the legal profession of an upright and distinguished jurist; the church of a pillar and ornament; society of a public-spirited, intelligent and exemplary citizen; and his family of a member whose place can not be filled, and whose loss the language of condolence can never adequately deplore.

"*Resolved, further,* That the sincere and profound sympathies of this bar are extended to the family of the deceased in their sad bereavement and irreparable loss, and that a copy of our proceedings be furnished to them."

Issue of (271) Judge Samuel[4] McClary Fite and Catherine Isabella Wilson as follows:

(292) Josephine[5] Rowena Fite, p. 63.

(293) Catherine[5] McClary Fite; born June 24, 1860; died April 6, 1876.

(294) Alberta[5] Beard Fite; born July 6, 1871. She lives with her married sister and mother in Nashville, Tenn.

(292) **Josephine[5] Rowena Fite** (Samuel,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest daughter of (271) Judge Samuel[4] McClary Fite and Catherine Isabella Wilson, was born June 21, 1856. She was married October 5, 1875, to Volney James, of Nashville, Tenn., by whom she has issue as follows:

(*a*) Martha[6] Fite James; born August 23, 1876.

(*b*) Catherine[6] Wilson James; born January 29, 1882, and died June 10, 1883.

(*c*) Agnes[6] Campbell James; born July 18, 1884. She was married April 12, 1904, to Dr. Walter Howard White, of Nashville, Tenn., and has issue, Katherine[7] Goodbar White, born August 10, 1905.

(*d*) Eva[6] Hall James; born May 8, 1887.

(275) **Albert[4] Beard Fite, C. S. A.** (Jacob[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]),, third son of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard, was born in Alexandria, Tenn., March 22, 1824. At the beginning of the Civil War Albert[4] enlisted in the Confederate Cavelry, under General John H. Morgan, and participated in all the famous "Raids" of this intrepid General, until he, Albert,[4] was captured on the raid into Ohio, and was kept in prison until the close of the war. He returned home after the war and then went to Texas to live, where he died soon after. He was never married.

(276) **Jacob[4] Cross Fite, Captain C. S. A.** (Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), was the fourth son of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard. He was born in Alexandria, Tenn., July 28, 1829, and lived on his father's estate until he entered business, in connection with his brother, (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite, as a wholesale merchant in Nashville, Tenn. He lived in Nashville until a few years after his marriage, when he retired from the firm to live upon and manage the estate "Shady Side," which was presented to himself and wife, Mary S. Coldwell Fite, by his father-in-law, Major John Campbell Coldwell, with the understanding that Jacob[4] would retire from active business in Nashville and live at "Shady Side." This plantation was situated on the Fairfield Pike, four and a half miles from Shelbyville, and sixty miles from Nashville. Jacob[4] devoted his time to raising blooded stock and the active management of the estate, which comprised several hundred acres and slaves.

When war was declared between the States, Jacob[4] Cross Fite took sides with his State, and immediately began drilling men for an artillery company, which he assisted in organizing and equipping,

and of which —— Morton was elected Captain. Jacob greatly deplored the war because of his belief in a strong union; but being an "old-line Democrat" and a believer in States' rights, he could but go with his State, and he gave his life for what he considered right. He joined the Confederate cause with General Bragg's Army, together with many other Tennesseeans. A letter from him to his wife, dated "November 9, 1862," is headed "Headquarters Seige Battery, Murfreesboro." Jacob[4] had taken his negro valet with him into service, as did many southern gentlemen, thinking a body servant an indispensable necessity, and the war would be of short duration. In this letter he says: "I send Wash home (to Shady Side) to bring a few things I find I can not do without." Among the things he asks for are, "a bottle of Blackberry Cordial, and that cup with a handle; we are bad off for cups, and one of your large woolen counterpains." He says further "I am doing well; I mess with the Commander and two Sergeants, and we have a pleasant time. Wash can tell you about our cooking and how we eat. It is impossible to tell you any news or to conjecture when or where we will move to from here. I am satisfied we will not attack Nashville (Gen. Rosecrans). The small fight there a few days since was only to afford Morgan an opportunity to burn some cars and provisions, and tear up track on the north side of the city, which he did. If you come, send word to me, Porter's Seige Battery at the fort. Kiss the babies for me," etc.; signed, "J. C. Fite." The outside of this letter bears the following instructions: "Guards and pickets will pass the boy Wash on to Shelbyville, Tenn. J. C. Fite, Q. M. Sergeant, Porter's Battery." This letter is of interest as showing the laxness of military discipline in the early part of the war; the volunteers, officers and men being gentlemen and friends, messed together without regard to rank; also because what were then considered necessaries by a Confederate soldier were in the later years of the war unknown luxuries. This letter was written little more than a month previous to the terrible Battle of Murfreesboro, on Stone River, which occurred December 31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. It was in this battle Jacob[4] Cross Fite received the wound in the leg from a spent cannon ball, which resulted in his death a few weeks later. His wound unfitted him for active service in the field, but he refused to be put upon the invalid list; he was made a captain and appointed to a place on General Hardee's staff. The following letter is the only one preserved, signed by Capt. Fite, as Captain. The original has been filed with the Military Secretary at Washington, so that Capt. Fite's name will be enrolled on the Confederate Records, now being compiled by the government authorities.

Fayetteville, Jan. 17, 1863.

CAPT. S. W. MORGAN,

Dear Sir:—Since writing to you last night, I have thought proper

to advise you to get a detail, from the Post Commandant, of eight men and send up to Ewing's place and have those eight stacks of hay baled up or they may be hauled off, and when baled have shipped to Tulahoma, to Capt. W. H. Moores. You enquire for old man Sewell, of Shelbyville, and get those hoops he made for me. I want to know how that lot of hay holds out, and can never do so unless those stacks are baled. There are plenty of nails at O'Neal's factory.

Yours truly,
J. C. FITE,
Capt. and A. Q. M. C. S. A.

I met Maj. Picket this morning, and what he said to me has caused this letter.

I send this by a man in charge of some prisoners. I must trouble you to send it, the letter he hands you, out to my wife. Don't fail, if it cost ten dollars, send it out to-night.

Capt. Fite performed his staff duties on crutches and driving in a buggy, as he was unable to sit upon a horse. The exposure to snow and sleet thus endured, and with an unhealed wound, produced congestive chills, the second of which was the immediate cause of his death, which occurred January 24, 1863, at the age of 34 years. Capt. Fite was a handsome man, generous and kindly, but of an indomitable wilth at ill brooked interference. He was married October 11, 1854, to Mary Summers Coldwell, born January 10, 1835, eldest daughter of Major John Campbell Coldwell, of Shelbyville, Tenn., and his wife, Jane Northcott (see Coldwell sketch appended). She was a graduatedof the Nashville Female Academy, an institution that, under Dr. C. D. Elliott, turned out many brilliant women. After Capt. Fite's death his widow "managed the large plantation and cared well for her family, and for the former slaves, who were too old or too young to leave their homes. Her house was a hospital for Southern soldiers, and her hospitality had no limit. She was a favorite chaperone for balls given by young officers. On one occasion she gave a dinner to twelve Southern generals. Her brother, Judge Thomas H. Coldwell, a prominent Union man, was arrested by General Bragg and taken to Tullahoma, Tenn., where report said he was to be shot. Leaving a sick child, the sister hurried to Tullahoma, had an audience with the General, who released the captive; and she returned with him, triumphant, to Shelbyville. As long as the struggle lasted she drove every other day in her carriage to Shelbyville, carrying delicacies to the wounded in the hospitals there. At the outbreak of the war she wisely laid in a large supply of groceries and stored them in an upper garret of her home. General Wheeler, just before the final retreat of the Confederates, made Shady Side his headquarters, and when the Federals came, they would

have fired the house, but were prevented by General Stanley. Mrs. Fite never took the oath of allegiance. After the surrender she was made president of the first society formed in the State for the relief of Southern soldiers and their families. She has been president of various literary societies, and is a fluent speaker. She was a member of the State board for her county for the Tennessee Centennial, and failing to get an appropriation from the County Court to fittingly represent the county, she secured aid for an exhibit by solicitations. She has recently given to the colored people of her county several hundred volumes for their library."

After five years of widowhood Mrs. Fite married Dr. Robert Frank Evans, of Shelbyville, a most skillful physician, a Knights Templar, Senior Warden of the Church of the Redeemer, and President of the Tennessee State Medical Society. By him she had two daughters: Stella, now Mrs. Charles Farwell, of New Orleans, and Mary Frank, who resides in Shelbyville with her mother. Mrs. Farwell has two sons, Charles, Jr., and Frank Evans Farwell. Dr. Evans died in 1893, just after the celebration of their silver wedding, leaving Mary S. Coldwell a widow for the second time.

Issue of (276) Captain Jacob[4] Cross Fite and Mary Summers Coldwell as follows:

(295) Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite, p. 73.

(296) Jennie[5] Nixon Fite, p. 77.

The Families of Coldwell, Ballard, Evans, Northcott, and Armstrong.

Mrs. Mary Coldwell Fite, now Mrs. Evans, is a descendant of the old historic family of Caldwell that produced the great Cromwell, whose grandmother was Anne of Caldwell, and the statesman, John Caldwell Calhoun, besides the "Fighting Parson" of the Revolution, Rev. James Caldwell, and of the same period, Capt. Jonathan Caldwell, who, by his love of game cocks and cock fights, originated the name of "The Blue Hen's Chickens" for the Delaware men in the Revolution; he always carried his fighting cocks with him, the offspring of a famous blue hen. All of the men of this family to reach eminent positions are too numerous to name in a short sketch. The founder of the family was one Colville, of France, who was a "chieftain under King Clovis in the battle of Tolbiac, year 496. He bore on his shield a Roebuck, and when the King called upon his chieftains to break the ranks of the enemy (German tribe), saying he would make a leader of the one who accomplished it, the man who did this bore a Roebuck on his shield as the insignia of his rank, and King Clovis then and there placed a star on its forehead, making the bearer of it a 'Leader.' No other family can be found in France, or elsewhere, having the Roebuck and star as a crest or coat-of-arms." The Colvilles were Huguenots, and three of the brothers were driven out of France

during the religious persecutions. They were born at Mount Aud, near Toulon, and went from there into Scotland and bought an estate of Bishop Douglas near Solway Frith, on which was a famous cold well; thus was the name anglicized, from Colville to Cauldwell. These brothers were known as John, Alexander and Oliver, of Cauldwell. King James approved this purchase, with the understanding that in time of war they would each furnish him one son and twenty able-bodied men in defense of the Crown.

Cromwell provided his cousins with offices and estates in the north of Ireland during his administration, hence the further change of spelling of the name, now most commonly used, *i.e.*, *Cald*well, dropping the longer and Scotch spelling, Cauldwell. From Ireland came John Caldwell, son of Sir David Caldwell, with his wife, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, and landed at New Castle, Delaware, December 10, 1727. John's son, William, was the grandfather of the statesman, John Caldwell Calhoun, through his daughter Martha, who married Patrick Calhoun. Another of John's sons, Thomas Caldwell, moved to Virginia and had a son Thomas the second, who was in the Indian Wars, and was the great-grandfather of Mary Summers Coldwell, who married Captain Jacob[4] Cross Fite, C. S. A. Thomas Caldwell, the second, married Philadelphia Ballard, an English lady of Virginia. He changed the spelling of the name to Coldwell. His son, Ballard Coldwell, married Sarah Evans, "a great belle and Virginia heiress." They moved to Hawkins County, in North Carolina, later in the State of Tennessee. After the death of his parents, Ballard Coldwell and his wife moved to middle Tennessee and settled at Shelbyville. He was a man of vast estate and owned much of the land surrounding Shelbyville, and the land that is now within the town. Ballard's son, John Campbell Coldwell, was with Andrew Jackson as a sergeant in the Creek wars, and again with him in the War of 1812, at the battle of New Orleans, as Sergeant-Major of his regiment. He was a very young man at the time of his enlistment, being but twenty years of age. The complimentary title of Major was given him and he was always known as Major Coldwell. He married Jane Northcott, of Kentucky. She was the daughter of the eminent Methodist Divine, Rev. Benjamin Northcott, and his wife, Jane Armstrong, who was a granddaughter of the Earl of Loudon. John Campbell Coldwell was the owner of the beautiful estate "Shady Side," which he afterwards presented to his daughter, Mary Summers Coldwell and her husband (276) Capt. Jacob[4] Cross Fite.

The following letters to (276) Capt. Jacob[4] Cross Fite, and his widow, written by his brothers during the Civil War, and the certificate given Mrs. Fite by Captain Gunn, together with the forms of bills of sale of negroes during the days of slavery, and the "Interrogatories" of the Confederate Government, are deemed of sufficient interest, to future generations, when all of these things will be a part of history, to be inserted here.

"Camp near Green Briar Bridge, Oct. 29, 1861.

"BROTHER JACOB:

"John and I received your letter last night. It seems that you don't get my letters; I have written three or four times from Virginia to you. I hardly know what to write or how to write. It is hard to give you a correct idea of where we have been or what we have been doing. As to where we will go next we are still in the dark. Most of our officers think we will get orders in a few days to return to Milboro, a railroad depot about forty-five miles south of this place; and get orders there to move to Kentucky, to the Potomac, or North Carolina. None of them know, however, not even the General Commanding. I suppose we are awaiting orders from Richmond. The campaign is certainly closed here. The roads are now impassable beyond this place. If Cheat Pass is ever taken, the expedition will have to be commenced early in the Spring, with a large force and rapid movements up the Valley Mt. Road to the rear of Cheat Pass, and Crouchy Camp, another fortification about five miles from Cheat. It is impossible to do anything in front of the fortification, except with very heavy guns. It is impossible now to get in the rear, on account of bad roads. The Yankees can not do anything in this country; the roads are too bad for them to advance any farther. We have done nothing but march and countermarch since we got into Virginia. We went to Cheat Pass and Crouchy Camp, drove in the enemy's pickets, killed probably one hundred Yankees, and took two hundred prisoners in the whole expedition. We lost, in killed, probably twenty men, and as many wounded. After returning from that expedition we were ordered to Sewell Mountain, in the neighborhood of Kanawa Valley, to support Generals Wise and Floyd. We laid there in sight of the enemy four or five days, expecting to be attacked every day. The Yankees abandoned their camp at night and retreated back fifteen miles. The roads were too bad and provisions too scarce to follow them. We stayed there a few days longer and got information that General Donaldson would be attacked soon at Green Briar Bridge. We were ordered here immediately; made a forced march, arrived here to find no Yankees. So you see we have been marching all the time and doing no fighting. I have had a great deal of work to do in my line. We have had a great deal of sickness in the regiment, and about fifteen deaths, fewer than any other regiment here. Our sick are nearly all at Healing Springs, in good quarters. They are nearly all improving. I am careless as to where we go from here. We have been well supplied with commissaries most of the time. I know I have never suffered with hunger, nor do I believe that any one else has, although they write a great many starving letters from here. Our clothes are at Milboro depot; will be sent here in a few days, unless we are ordered there. From what I can learn, our regiment will be amply supplied with clothes. John and I are messing together now. John is fat and jolly, just the same

John that he was at home; a noted character in the regiment.

"Tell sister Mary I met her friend, Dr. Fletcher, yesterday. He is physician to a post near Huntsville. He is very popular with his squad. I have a pleasant time with both officers and men in the regiment. I wouldn't exchange offices with any man in the regiment. When we ascertain where we will go, I will write you again. Give my love to all your family. Your brother,

"JIM."

("Jim" was (278) Dr. James[4] Leonidas Fite, who entered the war as a surgeon, but afterwards resigned this office, in order to "be at the front," and fought throughout the rest of the war with Stonewall Jackson. The following letter is also from him to his brother Jacob's widow.)

"Ten miles below Fredericksburg, Va.,
"May 29, 1863.

"DEAR SISTER MARY:

"I wrote you about a month ago, but do not know whether it reached you or not. I have thought a great deal about you and your little children since the death of brother Jacob. Cut off from many of your friends and surrounded by soldiers, both friends and foes, as you are, at such a time as this, I know that yours is a hard lot; but it is gratifying to know that you are among that class of educated Christian women who know how to bear up under misfortune. In your sad bereavement it is consoling to know that you are able to take care of your little children, and that they have friends who will love them, and if necessary, protect them, and take care of them. How I feel for the thousands of poor fatherless children of our country, whose mothers are poor and friends scarce. Many of them are bound to suffer even for want of bread. It is terrible to think of it.

"You have heard of our late battle on the Rhappahannock River, and doubtless know as much about it as I do. That our army achieved a victory, no one can doubt now. When I think of the positions of the two armies; ours in the open fields and woods, and theirs behind earthworks, I think it wonderfully strange that our loss was not greater than that of the enemy; but strange as it is, the facts are unmistakable. The loss of the enemy was at least twice that of ours. That the enemy numbered three to our one is a fact that no informed man doubts now. I cannot believe we fight these battles alone; I believe that Deity has a hand in this war. The same faith coupled with our success against such odds, keeps alive the confidence in our armies, and the hope of final success and the establishment of Southern independence and the preservation of Southern institutions. I had a letter from father a few days since. The Yankees have taken most of his work stock. Two of the negro boys went off with them. I am afraid our friends inside the Yankee lines will suffer if the enemy is allowed to hold the country much longer.

I had a letter from brother L. B. yesterday. He is at Cartersville, Ga. I learn the Yankees sought Colonel Goodner at home, but he was released by some of Colonel Allison's scouts. A great many citizens of Wilson City have been arrested and sent north. John is in fine health and spirits. Please write to me; I am anxious to hear from you. Give my love to all the family.

"Kindly your brother,

"JIM."

EXTRACT OF LETTERS FROM (279) EDWIN[4] C. FITE.

"Columbus, Miss., Jan. 5, 1862.

"BRO. J. C. FITE:

"In your note you sent an introduction to Lieut. Hughes, of Captain Hume's Irish Company; you thought it probable that he was promoted, but he was not. I went to see him twice, but he was in Memphis, so I did not see him, and when he did come, the note was so badly soiled from carrying it in my pocket that I thought I would not present it. Lieutenant Rowe, of our company, is doing all he can for me, without my asking him; but whether he succeeds or not I am willing to serve my country one year as a private. I shall get an introduction to Lieutenant Hughes the first chance, not that I think he can do me any good, but for the sake of friendship, for one can not have too many friends in an army. The most he could do would be to get me a sergeant's place in his company, a position I would not have * * * * would have to mess with * * * I could not do. I am very much obliged to you for your good intentions, and will ever remember * * * with the love of a brother. * * * there is no change of importance in our affairs at this place. The work on the fortifications still goes steadily on, digging roads, and mounting cannon, hauling balls, shot and shell, until the mass of iron hail has become immense as to power hid in the magazine, and I don't know much about it, except that kept at our Battery, which seems to be sufficient for all practical purposes. The authorities are having a chain stretched across the river to keep the enemy's gunboats from passing * * * below and shelling the town. They are also placing torpedoes in the river above, to blow the Yankees up when they attempt to come down. All prospects of getting a fight at this place have vanished in thin air. Since writing the above I have learned that Lieutenant Hughes has been placed on General Trudo's staff; in fact, I saw him with the General riding round the fort. I don't know what position he holds, whether he has been promoted or simply transferred. The health of the army is as good as could be expected. General Pillow has * * * and I fear it* * * the army, as he seemed to be the leading spirit in the army, the * * * between him and his division was very affecting, I am told. * * * Your brother,

"EDWIN C. FITE."

"Castle William, Governers Island,
"Nov. 25, 1864.

"DEAR SISTER MARY:

"Yours of the 16th came to hand this morning. * * * My health was never better, and I pass my time as pleasantly as any one in my position has a right to expect. Our rations, though short, are enough to keep us in good health. I have a good supply of clothes and blankets, furnished by Mr. Hugh Campbell, of St. Louis. We spend our time playing chess, drafts and whist, and other games when we can't sleep. Our quarters are very good; of course bound to be as we live in a *Castle*; have a good stove and plenty of coal. All of my mess mates, Burns included, are well. Kiss Campbell and Jennie for me. Tell C. C. I remember the happy days of Lang Syne, when we made cider under the old walnut tree down by the well. When will those pleasant times come again; when will we be able to move the old swing and hear the merry laugh down by the orchard? Not soon, I fear. I have had nothing of late from L. B. or Jim; had a letter from John ten days since; he was all right. Give my kindest regards to your father and mother. Let me hear from you often; you can't know how much good it does one to receive a letter while in prison.

"Your Brother,
"ED. C. FITE.

"Johnson's Island, Dec. 1, 1863.

"SISTER MARY:

"This evening I saw a letter from your brother Tom to Major Davis, in which he says you have been in feeble health during the past summer. I regret to learn you have not as yet gotten well. * * * You have received no letter from me; that is very singular. I have written you several times since I have been here, and failing to receive any answer supposed there was no mail to Shelbyville. From Tom's letter that is a mistake. There are some two or three gentlemen here who have been at your house during the past summer, and from them I have had all the news I have of you; Captain Harris is one of them; he speaks in the highest terms of your kindness to him. From present prospects I will spend the approaching Christmas quite differently from last. Things have greatly changed since then. * * * I am getting wonderfully tired of this prison life. I * * * sometimes, and sometimes pray, * * * it is all no good. The walls are just the same, the sentinels as watchful, and commissioners won't agree. The Scriptures say, 'In all things give thanks;' if any man, woman or child will show me a good reason for being thankful for being in prison without hope (for I am about to despair of ever leaving this Island) of getting out, I'll agree to serve them for all time to come. Still, I fatten, weigh 200 pounds even. One page is all we are allowed to write. Give my love to Camp-

bell and Jennie, tell them I constantly think of them. Wish I could see the little fellows. Give my love to Maggie and tell her * * *.

"Truly your brother,
"JOHN A. FITE" (now (277) Judge John[4] A. Fite, of Lebanon, Tenn.).

"I do hereby certify that I have this day examined the bacon belonging to Mrs. Mary C. Fite, and have received from her all the bacon over the amount allowed by the regulation.—Shelbyville, Tenn., April 10, 1863.

"I. L. GUNN, Capt. and A. C. S."

FORMS USED IN THE SALE OF SLAVES

"I have this day sold my negro man, Peter, to J. C. Fite, for thirteen hundred and sixty dollars, payable first of next January, 1860, and I hereby warrant the said Boy to be sound, sensible and healthy, and a slave for life, and bind myself, my heirs and executors to defend the title of said Boy against the claims of all other persons.

JOHN A. JAMES."

"This 15th February, 1859. Test.:
"JOHN C. COLDWELL,
"JANE COLDWELL."

"F. JONES: *Bill of Sale to woman Nancy*, $430.00.
"January 4, 1862.

"*Shelbyville, Jan.* 4, 1862.

"I have this day sold my servant woman, Nancy, to J. C. Fite, for four hundred and thirty dollars. I guarantee the said woman to be a slave for life and that I am lawfully possessed of her.

FREDERICK JONES."

"Test.:
"B. A. NELSON."

DISTRICT COURT OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, FOR THE MIDDLE DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE:

To J. C. FITE, Agent, Partner, Trustee or Individually,
Bedford Co., Tenn.

Greeting: You are hereby commanded to appear at the said District Court, at the courtroom at Nashville, on the third Monday of Nov., 1861, then and there to answer under oath what property or effects of any alien enemy you had at the time of the service of this garnishment process, or since have had under your possession or control belonging to or held for an alien enemy, or in what sum, if any, you are and were at the time of the service of the garnishment, or since, have been indebted to any alien enemy; and also to answer the interrogatories contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and such other questions as may be put to you touching the property and effects of alien enemies; and further to abide by and perform such orders and decrees as may be made in the premises.

Herein Fail Not, under the penalties prescribed by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I, JACOB MCGAVOCK, Clerk of said Court, have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Seal of said Court, at office, this 22d day of Oct., 1861.

(SEAL) JACOB MCGAVOCK.

INTERROGATORIES, TO BE PROPOUNDED TO AND ANSWERED BY GARNISHEES.

1. Have you now, or have you had in your possession, or under your control, since the 2d day of July last (1861), and if yea, at what time, any land or lands, tenement or tenements, hereditament or hereditaments, chattel or chattels, right or rights, credit or credits, within the Confederate States of America, held, owned, possessed or enjoyed for or by an alien enemy; or in or to which any alien enemy had, and when, since that time, any right, title or interest, either directly or indirectly.

2. If you answer any part of the foregoing interrogatory in the affirmative, then set forth specifically and particularly a description of such property, right, title, credit or interest, and if you have disposed of it in whole or in part, or of the profit or rent or interest accruing therefrom, then state when you made such disposition, and to whom, and where such property now is, and by whom held?

3. Were you since the 2d day of July, 1861, and if yea, at what time, indebted directly or indirectly, to any alien enemy or enemies? If yea, state the amount of such indebtedness if one, and of each indebtedness if more than one; give the name or names of creditor or creditors, and the place or places of residence, and to state whether, and to what extent, and also the time and manner of discharge.

4. Do you know of any land or lands, tenement or tenements, hereditament or hereditaments, chattel or chattels, right or rights, creditor or creditors, within the Confederate States of America, or any right or interest held, owned, possessed or enjoyed, directly or indirectly, by or for one or more alien enemies, since the 2d day of July, 1861, or in or by which any one or more alien enemies had since that time any claim, title or interest, direct or indirect? If yea, set forth specifically and particularly what and where the property is, and the name and residence of the holder, debtor, trustee or agent.

5. State all else that you know, which may aid in carrying into full effect the Sequestration act of the 30th of August, 1861, and state the same as fully and particularly as if thereunto specially interrogated.

S. R. COCKRILL,
Receiver C. S. A.

NOTE.—The garnishee in the foregoing interrogatories is specially warned that the Sequestration Act makes it the duty of each and every citizen to give the information asked in said interrogatories. (ACT OF 30th OF AUGUST, Section 2.)

And if any attorney, agent, former partner, trustee or other person, holding or controlling any property or interest therein of or for any alien enemy, shall fail speedily to inform the Receiver of the same, and to render him an account of such property or interest, he shall be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, and imprisoned not longer than six months, and be liable to pay besides, to the Confederate States, double the value of the property or interest of the alien enemies so held subject to his control. (Sec. 3.)

The Attorney-General has also prescribed the following rule of practice for the Courts by virtue of the authority vested in him under the 16th section of the law.

RULE.—*Garnishees*, to whom written or printed interrogatories are addressed may make appearance by filing written answers, sworn to before a Justice of the Peace or other competent officer, unless specially ordered by the Court to appear in person.

(295) **Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite, M. D.** (Jacob,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), only son of (276) Capt. Jacob[4] Cross Fite, C. S. A. and Mary Summers Coldwell, was born at "Shady Side," near Shelbyville, Tenn., July 29, 1855. His boyhood was spent at "Shady Side," the home of his parents and maternal grandparents, of which he cherishes most tender memories. His earliest recollections are connected with the Civil War, "Shady Side" being throughout in the line of march of both armies. Memories of the bountiful life of the plantation before the conflict and the terror inspired by the advance of the Northern troops are intermixed. It was the common belief of Southern children that the "Yankees" killed women and children as they swept through the land. From the news of the firing on Fort Sumter to the end of the war, and throughout the reconstruction period, his childhood was filled with scenes of death and fear; he witnessed the passing of armies to and fro, and for a time was too young to know which soldiers were friendly and which were hostile. He knew he was a little "Rebel," and one time, upon being asked by a soldier if he was a

Yankee or a Rebel, he promptly replied he was "a Rebel to the bone," whereupon the soldier as promptly knocked him down. The next time he was asked the question he was more cautious and answered, "I'm a Yankee when the Yankees are here, and a Rebel when the Rebels are here," much to the amusement of the officers present. "Shady Side" was continually the headquarters of generals from one side or the other, and when the Northern generals were stationed there, his grandfather Coldwell, a strong Union man, was in charge of the place; but when the Southern generals made the place their headquarters, his mother, an ardent Confederate, was in charge and they were given the best of the hidden stores, because of the husband who had given his life for the cause and the cause itself that was dear to all of the women of the Coldwell family. Another incident of Campbell's early childhood and soldier acquaintances is connected with "wooden nutmegs." One of the Northern soldiers offered to barter some nutmegs for some milk, and upon examination the nutmegs were found to be of wood; the soldier was, doubtless, from Connecticut.

Dr. Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite was educated at the Dixon Academy at Shelbyville, and Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tenn., near his grandfather Fite's place. He studied medicine with his stepfather, Dr. R. F. Evans, prior to attending lectures at the Louisville Medical College at Louisville, Ky. The following winter he took his final course of lectures at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, in New York, and received his degree in March, 1877, and came within one vote of being valedictorian of his class. He returned to Shelbyville and took up the practice of medicine in partnership with his stepfather, and former preceptor, Dr. Evans. Always interested in the question of sanitation, he soon became actively allied with public health matters and organized the Board of Health of Shelbyville, and served as its President for three years. The fine work he accomplished in this small town won for him recognition in a larger field. In 1882, when but 27 years of age, he was elected Secretary and Executive Officer of the Tennessee State Board of Health, which required him to take up his residence in Nashville, with his office in the Capitol building. This important office came to him because of the reputation he had made in Sanitary Medicine during the short time he had been in practice. He was the originator of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of Tennessee. He built up a large private practice in Nashville, and was a prominent member of the Hermitage Club and Thirteen Club, besides being a leader in the social life of the city. Dr. Fite held the office of Secretary to the Tennessee Medical Society for six years, and while holding this office he was enabled to effect much valuable medical legislation for the State. In 1885 he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of the East Tennessee Hospital for the Insane at Knoxville, Tenn., and while resident there he was married September 18, 1886, to Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson, by the Rev. Father Klein, in Calvary Episcopal Church, at Memphis,

Tenn. Dr. Fite eventually decided to abandon the practice of medicine and enter upon a business career; to that end he moved to New York the winter of 1890-91. He registered as an M.D. upon taking up his residence in New York, but has never practiced, devoting his time entirely to his business interests. He organized the Malt-Diastase Co., for the manufacture of malt products, of which he was a Director and General Manager. After some years, his health failing, he retired from the management of the business and disposed of his interest in it. After a year's rest upon his farm in Westchester County he returned to active business. Dr. Fite is the author of numerous papers and pamphlets on various medical and scientific subjects. His article on "Inebriety from a Medico-Legal Standpoint," originally published in the *Quarterly Journal of Inebriety*, July, 1888, has been reprinted in five or six different languages abroad and was used as an educational pamphlet on the subject in the United States and Germany. The various societies and clubs of which Dr. Fite is or has been a member are as follows: Tennessee State Medical Society, Sanitary Council of the Mississippi Valley, American Public Health Association, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Medical Association, Tri-State Medical Society, Mississippi Valley Medical Association, Tennessee Historical Society, American Chemical Society, Hermitage Club, and Thirteen Club of Nashville, Tenn.; Drug and Chemical Club, of New York; Associate of New York Confederate Veterans, Member New York Southern Society, Tennessee State Board of Health, Shelbyville Board of Health; he is also a Mason.

Dr. Fite's religious affiliations have been with the Episcopal Church. He was baptized the 20th Sunday after Trinity, 1867, at the Church of the Redeemer, Shelbyville, Tenn., by Rev. Henry P. Hay, Rector, and confirmed in the same church, February 13, 1868, by Bishop Gregg, of Texas. While living in Nashville he was a member of Christ Church.

Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson, wife of (295) Dr. Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite and author of this book, was born in Helena, Montana, February 5, 1868, daughter of Charles Benjamin Stephenson, C. S. A., of Virginia, and Virginia Lelia Mitchell, daughter of Nathaniel Mitchell, of Dorchester County, Md., and his wife, Elizabeth Tabb, of Virginia. Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson Fite has devoted some years to the study of art in New York, under William M. Chase and F. Luis Mora. At the present time she is on the editorial staff of "The Circle," a periodical owned by Funk and Wagnalls, of New York. While most of her time is devoted to writing for the magazine, she is still actively engaged in her genealogical work, and has the records of the Mitchell, Tabb, and Caldwell families well advanced. She is a member of the Art Workers' Club For Women, The New York Chapter of The Daughters of the Confederacy, and of the Dixie Club of New York, of whose Executive Board she is a member. She is eligible to the Colonial and

Revolutionary Societies, and the Daughters of 1812. (See family sketches appended.)

Dr. and Mrs. Fite and sons are communicants, of St. Agnes Chapel, of Trinity Parish in New York.

Issue of (295) Dr. Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite and Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson, as follows:

(297) Frank[6] Evans Fite, p. 76.

(298) Jacob[6] Northcote Fite, p. 76.

(297) **Frank[6] Evans Fite** (Campbell,[5] Jacob,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son of (295) Dr. Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite and Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson, was born September 18, 1887, at Knoxville, Tenn.; christened in St. John's Episcopal Church, Knoxville, October 30, 1887, by the Rev. Samuel Ringgold; confirmed April 17, 1903, in St. Agnes Chapel, Trinity Parish, New York, by Bishop Charles Tyler Olmsted. He was educated at Trinity School, of which he is a graduate of the class of 1905. While a student of Trinity he competed for and won gold, silver and bronze medals for athletics. He is a member of the Trinity Alumni Association and the New York Children of the Confederacy; in the last named organization he held the office of Recording Secretary, until he entered business. He started upon his business career in the Oriental Bank of New York, just four days before his eighteenth birthday.

(298) **Jacob[6] Northcote Fite** (Campbell,[5] Jacob,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), second son of (295) Dr. Campbell[5] Coldwell Fite and Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson, was born in New York City, May 10, 1892. He was christened in St. Agnes Chapel, Trinity Parish, New York, September 25, 1892, by the Rev. Edward Bradley. Confirmed in the same church Low Sunday, April 30, 1905, by Bishop David Hummell Greer. He is Registrar of The New York Children of The Confederacy. He is a student at Trinity School (class 1910), and is President of the freshman class.

Stephenson

Newton, Shaw, Strider, Fowke, Mitchell, Lee, Tabb, and Shepherd families, of Virginia. Progenitors of the author of the Fite records.

The Stephenson family, of which Elizabeth Mitchell Stephenson Fite was born a member, is of the, so-called, Scotch-Irish stock, from Scotland, through Ulster in the North of Ireland, to America, and had its start in this country, with Lieut. William Stephenson,

who settled in Frederick County, Va., where he had grants of land from Lord Fairfax, prior to the Revolutionary War. He served throughout the war, and was a First Lieutenant of Artillery (see Saffell and war records at Washington). William Stephenson married Jane Newton, of Virginia, whose family dates back to Rome in the early days of the Christian era. The progenitor of this family went to England, to the Holy Land, with the Crusaders, where the arms of the family were granted, at the battle of Ascalon, by Richard I (Cœur de Lion). The son of William and Jane (Newton) Stephenson was, also, named William, and he married Hannah Shaw, of Virginia, and their eldest son was Ferdinand William Stephenson, who married Phillipi Frances Strider, daughter of Philip Strider and Elizabeth Fowke, of Virginia. Ferdinand William and Phillipi (Strider) Stephenson were the parents of Charles Benjamin Stephenson, father of the author, who married Virginia Lelia Mitchell, and had seven children, six of whom are living. Charles Benjamin Stephenson was in the Civil War, service of the Confederacy, for three years (see Stephenson Records). His wife, Virginia Lelia Mitchell, was the daughter of Nathaniel Mitchell, of Dorchester County, Maryland, and his wife, Elizabeth[7] Tabb, daughter of Lieutenant John[6] Leland Tabb, of Shepherdstown, Va. Nathaniel Mitchell was the son of Reuben Mitchell, member of the "Castle Haven" Company in the Revolution (see Rev. Records at Annapolis), and his wife, Ruth Lee, of the Lee family, of Maryland and Virginia.

Lieut. John[6] Leland Tabb was in Capt. Van Bennet's Company of light infantry, Colonel Mason's regiment, War of 1812. He was the son of William[5] Tabb, who was a member of Capt. Hugh Stephenson's Company of Riflemen in the Revolution; a copy of his honorable discharge from the army is on file in the archives of the District of Columbia, with the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. William[5] Tabb was son of William[4] Tabb, of Gloucester County, Va., grandson of John[3] Tabb, great-grandson of Thomas[2] Tabb, and great-great-grandson of Humphrey[1] Tabb, founder of the family in Virginia. Humphrey Tabb had large grants of land in Virginia, as early as 1637. In 1652 he was Burgess for Elizabeth City County.

To return to Lieut. John[6] Leland Tabb; he married Elizabeth Shepherd, daughter of Thomas[2] Shepherd and Susan Hulse, and granddaughter of Capt. Thomas[1] Shepherd and Elizabeth Van Metre. Capt. Thomas[1] Shepherd was the founder of Shepherdstown, Va. (See Henning's Statutes of Virginia.)

These nine family names are very closely interwoven with the histories of Maryland and Virginia, and many members of each family contributed largely towards the history-making of their states.

(296) **Jennie[5] Nixon Fite** (Jacob,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), only daughter of (276) Capt. Jacob[4] Cross Fite, C. S. A., and Mary

Summers Coldwell, was born at "Shady Side," near Shelbyville, Tenn., June 14, 1859. She was married in the Church of the Redeemer, at Shelbyville, October 27, 1880, to Surgeon Andrew Moses Moore, U. S. N. Their home is at Sewanee, Tenn., now that Dr. Moore has been retired.

Issue of (296) Jennie[5] Nixon Fite and Dr. Andrew Moses Moore, but one child, Mary[6] Moore, born September 3, 1881.

(277) **Judge John[4] Amenas Fite, Colonel C. S. A** (Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), the fifth son of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda M. Beard, was born in Alexandria, Tenn., February 10, 1832. In 1848 he entered the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., taking both the literary and law courses; he graduated in 1859, and took up his residence at Carthage, in Smith County, where he practiced law until 1861, when war was declared between the States. He entered the Confederate service in 1861, as Captain of Co. "B," Seventh Tennessee Regiment. In June of that year the regiment was ordered to Virginia. The following year he was promoted to the rank of Major of his regiment, to succeed Major Howard, and in May, 1863, he was made Lieutenant-Colonel on the death of the latter. The following month, June, 1863, he was made Colonel of the Seventh Tennessee Regiment, upon the resignation of Colonel Goodner. He was wounded at Mechanicsville, at Chancelorsville, and at Cedar Run; was captured at Gettysburg, and carried North; was first imprisoned at Ft. McHenry, Baltimore, and went from there to Ft. Delaware; from there to Johnson's Island, where he remained until February 27, 1865, when he was sent South on exchange; he reached Richmond the 4th of March, and was set free, as the prisoners who came through on the 3rd of March were the last to be exchanged.

After the war he returned home and began anew the practice of law, in which he was actively engaged until 1880, when he was elected to the Legislature; being out of the County at the time of his nomination, which was by acclamation. He was elected judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Tennessee in September, 1886. His circuit was composed of nine Counties, two of which were on the Cumberland Mountains. He held the Court for nearly seven years, when he resigned, after the death of his wife. In three Counties of his Circuit a jury was never demanded in a civil suit; this he regarded as the highest honor that could be paid a Judge. During his term of office he had twenty-eight appeals to the Supreme Court of the State; was sustained in twenty-four of the cases, and was reversed in only four.

(277) Judge John[4] Amenas Fite was married December 27, 1866, to Mary Micheaux Mitchell; born August 21, 1840; died August 2, 1890. She was of French extraction and a descendant of a Captain of the Revolution. She was a member of the Methodist

Episcopal Church South. Judge Fite has always been considered one of the most popular jurists of Tennessee. He makes his home at Lebanon, with his daughter and son-in-law.

Issue of (277) Judge John[4] Amenas Fite and Mary Micheaux Mitchell as follows:

(299) Elizabeth[5] Mitchell Fite; born September 29, 1867; died July 12, 1881.

(300) Matilda[5] McClary Fite, p. 79.

(300) **Matilda[5] McClary Fite** (John,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child of (277) Judge John[4] Amenas Fite, and Mary Micheaux Mitchell, was born June 29, 1869. She is a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution, and treasurer of her local chapter. She was married May 17, 1893, to Nathan Glenn Robertson, of whom the following sketch is appended:

Issue of (300) Matilda[5] McClary Fite and Nathan Glenn Robertson as follows:

(*a*) John[6] Fite Robertson; born June 9, 1894.

(*b*) Elizabeth[6] Robertson; born October 20, 1896; died October 2, 1900.

Robertson.

A sketch of Nathan Glenn Robertson, as shown in Volume I, pages 288-9 and 200, Judge Jno. Allison's "Notable Men of Tennessee."

"Hon. Nathan G. Robertson, a well known attorney of Lebanon, Tenn., was born in Wilson County, six miles west of Lebanon, about the close of the war.

"His parents, Lewis W. and Elizabeth (Glenn) Robertson, were natives of North Carolina and Virginia, respectively. The father was a farmer and magistrate in the Twenty-second District for fifty-two years. He was County Judge for three terms, well and favorably known, and had a host of friends.

" NathanGlenn Robertson was the second of four children born to his father's third marriage. He was educated at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., where he graduated from the Law Department in 1890. He began law practice at once, and has continued in it. His practice extends to all the State and Federal Courts.

"Mr. Robertson was elected to the Legislature in 1893 and re-elected in 1895; was chairman of the House Committee on elections during the Evans-Turney gubernatorial contest in 1895. Was also on the Judiciary, Financial and Ways and Means Committee both terms. Was on the staff of Governor McMillin four years; is on the staff of the present Governor, J. B. Frazier, and is a member of the State Bar Association.

"He is a prominent member of the Masonic Fraternity, belongs to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery, and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a Knight of Pythias, in which he is a past Chancellor of Lotus Lodge No. 20, and is a member of the independent order of Odd Fellows.

"In politics Mr. Robertson is a Democrat, who never hesitates to do battle for his convictions. In 1904-1906 he was Secretary of the State Democratic Convention, and on two occasions has been a delegate to the National Democratic Conventions. He is of Scotch-Irish extraction."

(278) **James[4] Leonidas Fite, M. D., C. S. A.** (Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), the sixth son of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard, was born in Alexandria, Tenn., January 9, 1836. He studied medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., where he took his degree. When the Civil War began, Dr. Fite had just started the practice of Medicine in Lebanon, Tenn. He joined Capt. John K. Howard's Co., First Tennessee Regiment, as Assistant Surgeon; was later made full surgeon. He served for some time in this capacity, but wishing to be in the fighting line, he resigned his commission as surgeon and joined Gen. Stonewall Jackson's forces, and fought under that gallant commander to the end. After the fall of the Confederacy, Dr. Fite returned to Lebanon and resumed the practice of medicine. He became widely known for his skill in his profession and was greatly beloved by all who knew him. "He was a true and loving husband and father, a brave soldier, and a courteous, honorable gentleman. Dr. Fite was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a Mason. He died June 18, 1893." Letters written by Dr. Fite during the campaign in Virginia are given on pages 68-69.

The 12th of June, 1866, Dr. James[4] Leonidas Fite was married to Emma, daughter of Dr. Thomas Norman and his wife, Elizabeth James Clay, of Wilson County, Tenn. Dr. Norman was the first white child born in Rutherford County, Tenn., 1801. His father and two brothers went to Tennessee from North Carolina in 1790. One brother went to Kentucky and one to Mississippi. Dr. Norman, in his young days, was considered the finest dancer and best "fiddler" in the county. In later years he was a Ruling Elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He took his degree of M.D. at the Louisville Medical College, in Louisville, Ky. He was married in October, 1833, at Old Ebenezer Campground, to Elizabeth James Clay; born November, 1814, in Wilson County, Tenn., whose parents were Virginia people. Dr. Norman was a lover of the Union until the call for troops from the South, when his sympathies went with his State. He was too old for service at the beginning of the war, but gladly gave his eldest son to the cause he loved, and believed right. This son was Captain of Artillery, was wounded at the siege of Vicksburg, and on furlough when the city was evacu-

ated. Dr. Norman's youngest son, age 16, took French leave of the family one Sunday morning, and the next heard of him he was with General Bragg's Army at Murfreesboro; he returned home at the end of the war. Dr. Norman died in 1873, and his wife died May 27, 1857.

Issue of (278) Dr. James[4] Leonidas Fite and Emma Norman as follows:

(301) Albert[5] Norman Fite, p. 85.
(302) Margaret[5] Norman Fite, p. 85.
(303) Marie[5] McClellen Fite, p. 85.

(301) **Albert[5] Norman Fite** (James,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]) only son of (278) Dr. James[4] Leonidas Fite and Emma Norman was born in Lebanon, Tenn., April 11, 1870. He was married May 28, 1895, to Johnetta Gillock. Their home is in Nashville, Tenn., where Albert[5] Norman Fite is engaged in the profession of pharmacy.

Issue of (301) Albert[5] Norman Fite and Johnetta Gillock as follows:

(304) Elizabeth[6] Fite; born September 18, 1900.

(302) **Margaret[5] Norman Fite** (James,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest daughter of (278) Dr. James[4] Leonidas Fite and Emma Norman, was born at Lebanon, Tenn., September 14, 1871. She was married October 16, 1896, to W. G. Harsh, who died some years since. No issue of this marriage. Margaret[5] and her mother live together at Lebanon.

(303) **Marie[5] McClellen Fite** (James,[4] Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child of (278) Dr. James[4] Leonidas Fite and Emma Norman, was born at Lebanon, Tenn., March 10, 1878. She was married October 16, 1901, at Lebanon, in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to Albert Edward Wilson, a civil engineer. Their home at the present time is at Dalhart, Texas. Issue:

Margaret[6] Fite Wilson; born October 31, 1903.

(279) **Edwin[4] Campbell Fite, C. S. A.** (Jacob,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child and seventh son of (243) Jacob[3] Fite and Matilda Beard, was born in Alexandria, Tenn., August 15, 1839, and lived on his father's estate in Wilson County, until the breaking out of the Civil War, at which time he was just of age. He entered the Confederate service, joining the First Tennessee Heavy Artillery, and saw his first service at Columbus, Ky. He was captured at Vicksburg and paroled until exchanged. Was captured again at Fort Morgan and was kept prisoner until the close of the

war, part of the time being confined in a cotton press in New Orleans; was also kept prisoner in Castle William, on Governor's Island, N. Y., and at Elmyra, N. Y. Letters written by him during the war, to his brother, Jacob, and his sister-in-law, are abstracted on pages 70-71. Edwin[4] was very young, but made a reputation as a fearless and intrepid soldier. At the close of the war he returned to Tennessee and took upon his young shoulders the apparently hopeless task of bringing order out of chaos, making a living for himself and his old parents out of the remains of what had been a perfectly equipped estate but a few years before; he found nothing to start with anew but the house and land. He continued to wear the old uniform because he had, like thousands of others,nothing else to wear, and put his shoulder to the plow. Edwin[4] remained with his aged parents so long as they lived and served them with unfaltering fidelity and affection, with no thought of his own interest or welfare. Of a generous and unselfish nature and a gifted mind, he had the courage to abandon all thought of the intellectual life for which he longed, and persevered in his efforts to put in shape again the home so devastated by war. In this he succeeded and maintained his parents in comfort and made their home the same hospitable place it had been before the war. He was married March 14, 1877, to Susie Comer, born April 12, 1856, who has made him a loving wife and is a tender mother to his children. They have lived for many years on his farm near Hendersonville, Tenn., in Davidson County.

Issue of (279) Edwin[4] Campbell Fite and Susie Comer as follows:

(305) Samuel[5] M. Fite; born March 1, 1878; is in business at Nashville, Tenn.

(306) Henry[5] Comer Fite; born September 28, 1879. In business at Florence, Ala.

(307) Marion[5] Jackson Fite; born March 15, 1886. Living with her parents.

(308) Frank[5] Edwin Fite; born August 13, 1888. Living with his parents.

(244) **Leonard[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and his wife, Margareth Cross, was born in Lincoln County, N. C., the early part of 1789. He died in Tennessee, in his eighty-seventh year, in 1877. He married Elizabeth Duncan, who died at the age of sixty years. This couple lived in Wilson County, Tenn., and Leonard[3] was a farmer. At the time of his mother's birthday celebration, in 1861, Leonard[3] Fite had five living children, thirty-three grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Issue of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan as follows:

(309) Nancy[4] Fite, p. 83.

(310) Lavinia[4] Fite, p. 83.

(311) Leonard[4] Fite, p. 84.

(312) Mary[4] Fite, p. 84.

(313) Margaret[4] E. Fite, p. 85.
(314) Thomas[4] Duncan Fite, p. 85.
(315) Lemuel[4] Fite, p. 87.

(309) **Nancy[4] Fite** (Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest daughter of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1812, and died in 1884. She was married in 1824 to Louis Y. Davis, who was born in 1812, in Charlotte, N. C. He died in 1893 at the age of eighty-one years.

Issue of (309) Nancy[4] Fite and Louis Y. Davis as follows:

(*a*) Mrs. E. H.[5] Burns; born 1826. Had issue, Laura, died young; Etta, married Rev. Dr. Hanna, a Methodist minister; James, married Ada Newson; Willie, married Rev. Mr. Witherspoon, a Presbyterian minister.

(*b*) Mrs. Mary[5] E. David; born 1828; has no issue.

(*c* Mrs. D.[5] Brien; born 1830; died 1876.

(*d*) Diggie[5] Davis; born 1832; died 1834.

(*e*) Mrs. Angie[5] Ware; born 1834; died 1893.

(*f*) Mrs. Lavinia[5] Hays; born 1836; died 1906.

(*g*) Thomas[5] Fite Davis; born 1838; died 1875.

(*h*) Leonard[5] Fite Davis; born 1846; married in 1872 to Elizabeth Sawrie, daughter of the Rev. W. D. Sawrie, the great revivalest in his day. Issue: W. L. Davis, born 1873; Mrs. Idella Davis Parkes, born 1875; Frank G. Davis, born 1877; Thomas Fite Davis, born 1879; Mrs. Hamilton Love, born 1881. Leonard F. Davis is a member of the wholesale dry goods firm of Harris, Davis & Co., Nashville, Tenn.

(*i*) L. N.[5] Davis; born 1848; died 1888.

(*j*) Z. T.[5] Davis; born 1850; died 1869.

(*k*) Lemuel[5] H. Davis; born 1852; married twice: first, Cumi Childress, September 14, 1887. She died May 29, 1893; no issue. Second, on the 18th of September, 1895, to Anna Bruce, daughter of Mr. George Bruce, of Nashville, Tenn. Issue: Mackie Anderson Davis, born July 11, 1897; Lemuel H. Davis, is President of the Davis-Cockrill-Finegan Real Estate Co., of Nashville, Tenn., the largest concern of its kind in the city.

(310) **Lavinia[4] Fite** (Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), second child and daughter of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1814. She was married at the early age of fifteen or sixteen years, to John Reed, a merchant and farmer, who was born in 1799 and died August 11, 1876.

Issue of (309) Lavinia[4] Fite and John Reed as follows:

(*a*) Elizabeth[5] B. Reed; born November 25, 1830; married George Turner, C. S. A., of Loudon, Tenn., who died in 1866. There were seven children born to this couple, three of whom are given (the other four were daughters, deceased; names not given), *i.e.*,

Thomas Turner, married Sophia Hall; Sarah Turner, married W. C. Duff; John Turner, married (168) Sallie[6] Louise Fite, born February 3, 1869, daughter of (166) Thomas[5] C. Fite and Margaret Vick. (See No. 120, p. 38.)

(*b*) Eliza[5] Reed; born May 23, 1834; married Levi Morgan, and lives in Flatonia, Tex.

(*c*) Nancy[5] Reed; married Elmore Colville.

(*d*) John[5] Reed, M.D.; married Katharine Murphy.

(*e*) Lavinia[5] Tennessee Reed; married Lum? Knox; has a daughter, Mrs. George Preston, of Knoxville, Tenn.

(*f*) Thomas[5] Fite Reed; unmarried.

(*g*) Mary[5] M. Reed; married Dr. Renfro and moved to Arkansas.

(311) **Leonard[4] Fite** (Leonard,[3] Leonard[2], Johannes[1]), third child and eldest son of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1818, and died in 1852. He was married to Caroline Tubb, daughter of Colonel Tubb, of Smith County, Tenn., and died without issue.

(312) **Mary[4] Fite** (Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan, was born at Pendles Creek, Wilson County, Tenn., April 11, 1820, and died March 10, 1891. She was married March 2, 1847, to Samuel Williams, born April 27, 1811, of De Kalb County, Tenn. He was a farmer and merchant, and always lived on the Lebanon and Sparter Turnpike in DeKalb County.

Issue of (312) Mary[4] Fite and Samuel Williams as follows:

(*a*) Samuel[5] D. L. Williams; born May 27, 1849; never married.

(*b*) Elizabeth[5] Ludora Williams; born July 30, 1851, now deceased. She married F. C. White, of Dowellton, Tenn., by whom she had issue, (1) Minnie[6] White, (2) Lula[6] White, (3) Frank[6] White, (4) Robert[6] White, (5) ——.

(*c*) Laura[5] Caroline Williams; born February 23, 1853. She married D—— Beckwith, of Smithville, Tenn., by whom she has: (1) Bertha,[6] (2) Mary,[6] (3) Thomas,[6] and (4) Phillips[6] Beckwith.

(*d*) John[5] Leonard Williams; born November 17, 1855; died young.

(*e*) Mary[5] Etta Williams; born December 24, 1858. She married A. R. Myers, of Smithville, Tenn., by whom she had issue: (1) Marvin,[6] (2) Robert,[6] (3) Floyd,[6] (4) Dewey,[6] and (5) Cleo[6] Myers.

(*f*) Thomas[5] Fite Williams; born August 3, 1864; unmarried. He and his youngest brother, William[5] B. Williams are in business together, at Dowellton, Tenn.

(*g*) William[5] B. Williams; born November 20, 1866. Has been married twice; first, to Sarah E. Hendrickson; second, to Bertha Ballinger, by whom he has issue: (1) William[6] Troy, and (2) Thomas[6] Elva Williams.

(313) **Margaret[4] E. Fite** (Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., in 1822, and died in 1892. She was married to John W. Martin and had children, all of whom are deceased, with the exception of one afflicted son.

(314) **Thomas[4] Duncan Fite** (Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., July 6, 1824. In 1844 he went to Nashville, where his cousin, (269) Leonard[4] Beard Fite, then a prominent dry goods merchant, employed him in his store. Three years later, having learned somewhat of business, he was given an interest in the business. After several years Leonard[4] Beard Fite decided to abandon the retail trade and enter the wholesale trade, drygoods, and he took Thomas[4] Duncan Fite in with him as a partner, the firm name being "L. B. Fite & Co." Some years later L. B.[4] Fite retired altogether from active business, and Thomas[4] Duncan Fite bought his interest in the firm and continued in the wholesale drygoods business until about fifteen years ago, when he retired from active business, a very wealthy man. He has been for many years one of the most prominent figures in the business and religious circles of Nashville, and he still retains his interest in the affairs of the Methodist Church and civic affairs of the city. He and his family have always been very active in church work in Nashville, and his home has been ever noted for its open hospitality to the preachers and his other friends, who always found a place ready at his table at whatever time they chose to seek it. Thomas[4] Duncan Fite was married June 8, 1853, to Laura E. Green, born June 8, 1834, daughter of the distinguished Methodist Divine, the Rev. Dr. A. L. P. Green. She died June 22, 1893. Thomas[4] Duncan Fite now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Turley, of Nashville.

Issue of (314) Thomas Duncan Fite and Laura E. Green as follows:

(316) Alexander[5] Green Fite, p. 85.

(317) Mary[6] Elizabeth Fite, p. 86.

(318) Annie[5] Green Fite, p. 86.

(319) Frank[5] Green Fite p. 86.

(320) Thomas[5] Duncan Fite; born 1865; unmarried; lives in Nashville.

(321) Laura[5] Green Fite; born 1867; died 1869.

(322) Willy[5] Green Fite, p. 86.

(323) Leonard[5] Duncan Fite; born 1873; died 1897; unmarried.

(324) Robert[5] Hunter Fite, p. 86.

(316) **Alexander[5] Green Fite** (Thomas,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest child and son of (314) Thomas[4] Duncan Fite and Laura E. Green, was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1857. He

was married in 1880, to Belle Joynes, daughter of Prof. Joynes, of Vanderbilt University; their home is in Nashville, where he is in business.

Issue of (316) Alexander[5] Green Fite and Belle Joynes as follows:

(325) Edward[6] Joynes Fite; born April 4, 1884.

(326) Thos.[6] Duncan Fite; born June 3, 1887.

(327) Alex.[6] Green Fite, Jr.; born July 31, 1892.

(317) **Mary[5] Elizabeth Fite** (Thomas,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest daughter of (314) Thomas[4] Duncan Fite and Laura E. Green, was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1860. She was married in 1882, to William T. Turley, son of the Senator-Judge Thomas W. Turley. William T. Turley recently deceased.

Issue of (317) Mary[5] Elizabeth Fite and William T. Turley, one child, Mary[6] Fite Turley, born December 23, 1884.

(318) **Annie[5] Green Fite** (Thomas,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (314) Thomas[4] Duncan Fite and Laura E. Green, was born 1861, in Nashville, Tenn. She was married in 1884 to George C. Paine, son of Bishop Robert Paine, of the M. E. Church South, of Aberdeen, Miss.

Issue of (318) Annie[5] Green Fite and George C. Paine, one son, Thomas[6] Fite Paine, born February 26, 1886.

(319) **Frank[5] Green Fite** (Thomas,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (314) Thomas[4] Duncan Fite and Laura E. Green, was born 1863, in Nashville, Tenn. In 1893 he was married to Sallie Lundy Paine, of Mississippi.

Issue of (319) Frank[5] Green Fite and Sallie Lundy Paine:

(328) Robt.[6] Paine Fite; born April 12, 1894.

(329) Laura[6] Green Fite; born October 25, 1896.

(330) Lundy[6] Paine Fite; born June 27, 1900.

(331) Frank[6] Green Fite, Jr.; born May 8, 1902.

(322) **Willy[5] Green Fite** (Thomas,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest daughter of (314) Thomas Duncan[4] Fite and Laura E. Green, was born 1871, in Nashville, Tenn. She was married in 1903, to Dr. Alberto Hudson, born in Albertsville, Ala. Dr. Hudson now holds a chair in the University of Nashville, and is a successful practicing physician. They have one child, Annie[6] Mary Hudson, born 1906, the 29th of May.

(324) **Robert[5] Hunter Fite** (Thomas,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest son and child of (314) Thomas[4] Duncan Fite and

Laura E. Green, was born in Nashville, in 1875. He was married to Alma McCanthy in 1902. He is at the head of "Robert H. Fite & Co., General Insurance Agents," Nashville, Tenn.

Issue of (324) Robert[5] Hunter Fite and Alma McCanthy:

(332) Robt.[6] Hunter Fite, Jr.; born July 26, 1902.

(333) Ann[6] Fite; born July 6, 1906.

(315) **Lemuel[4] Fite** (Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest son of (244) Leonard[3] Fite and Elizabeth Duncan, was born in Wilson County, Tenn., August 9, 1826. He was married October 26, 1862, to Mallie Bowers, daughter of Hezekiah Bowers. He was a soldier in the Confederate service during the Civil War, in Colonel Elerson's regiment; was captured, exchanged, and captured the second time, when he was kept in Rock Island Prison for sixteen months. He was a farmer and his home was at Round Top, Wilson County, Tenn.

Issue of (315) Lemuel[4] Fite and Mallie Bowers:

(334) Charles[5] Bowers Fite, p. 87.

(335) Elizabeth[5] Fite, p. 87.

(336) Joseph[5] Fite, p. 87.

(337) Margaret[5] Fite; born February 24, 1871; died April 14, 1891.

(338) Thomas[5] Fite } twins, born February 17, 1884; both
(339) Laura[5] Fite } unmarried.

(334) **Charles[5] Bowers Fite** (Lemuel,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son and child of (315) Lemuel[4] Fite and Mallie Bowers, was born August 14, 1863. He was married July 16, 1891, to Sarah Lee Hays, daughter of William and Sarah Hays, and granddaughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Hays. Their home is at Liberty, Tenn.

Issue of (334) Charles[5] Bowers Fite and Sarah Lee Hays:

(340) Annie[6] May Fite; born May 1, 1892.

(341) William[6] Lee Fite; born August 3, 1894.

(342) Cecil[6] Clay Fite; born July 16, 1897.

(343) Paul[6] Nathaniel Fite; born August 14, 1899.

(335) **Elizabeth[5] Fite** (Lemuel,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest daughter of (315) Lemuel[4] Fite and Mallie Bowers, was born March 26, 1866. She was married March 17, 1884, to Johnan Estel Woods, of Liberty, Tenn.

Issue: Frank[6] Woods; born April 17, 1892.

(336) **Joseph[5] Fite** (Lemuel,[4] Leonard,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), third child and second son of (315) Lemuel[4] Fite and Mallie Bowers,

was born December 6, 1867, and was married to Mattie Mai Truitt, October 30, 1895. Issue:

(344) Mallie S. Fite; born September 24, 1896.

(345) Robert W. Fite; born February 27, 1900.

(245) **Joseph[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), second son of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in the year 1790, in Lincoln County, N. C., and in 1796 he moved with his parents to Tennessee, where he married Betsy Overall, presumably the daughter or granddaughter of William Overall, who came with Capt. James Robertson and party from the Wautauga Settlement to the "French Lick" in 1779. Joseph[3] Fite and Betsy Overall had twelve children; they moved with their family to Texas, and had *five sons and five grandsons* in the Confederate army during the Civil War. In 1861 he had ten children living, and twenty-five grandchildren. One of his daughters married a Mr. Lincock.

(246) **Catharine[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1791. She moved with her parents to Tennessee in 1796, and married Lemuel Moore of North Carolina; they lived in or near Liberty, Tenn. In 1861, at the time of her mother's birthday celebration, Catharine[3] Fite Moore had but two children living, twenty-seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Issue of (246) Catharine[3] Fite and Lemuel Moore as follows:

(*a*) Leonard[4] Moore.
(*b*) David[4] Moore.
(*c*) Jane[4] Moore.
(*d*) Sarah[4] Moore.
(*e*) Nancy[4] Moore.
(*f*) William[4] Moore.
(*g*) Elizabeth[4] Moore.
(*h*) Jacob[4] Moore.

(247) **David[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in Lincoln County, N. C., June 15, 1795. He moved with his parents to Tennessee the year following, and when grown lived in Middle Tennessee. He was married twice; first, January 30, 1822, to Nancy D. Daughtery, born February 12, 1805, who bore him two sons and a daughter; she died May 16, 1830. David[3] married, second, Elizabeth Griffin, the 14th day of May, 1835, by whom he had one son and one daughter. David[3] Fite died May 1, 1862. The year previous, when present at his mother's birthday celebration, David had four children living and eight grandchildren.

Issue of (247) David[3] Fite was as follows:
(346) James[4] Monroe Fite, p. 89.
(347) Thomas[4] Bethel Fite, p. 89.
(348) Caroline[4] Duncan Fite; born March 13, 1829; died December 23, 1837.
(349) Leonard[4] Lamberson Fite; born May 19, 1836; died from a wound, in the hospital, in 1863, during the Civil War; unmarried.
(350) Margaret[4] Elizabeth Fite, p. 91.

(346) **James[4] Monroe Fite** (David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son of David[3] Fite and his first wife, Nancy Daughtery, was born in Smithville, Tenn., November 30, 1823. He was married to Sarah West, and died in Dallas County, Arkansas, near Princeton, April 9, 1877.
Issue of (346) James[4] Monroe Fite and Sarah West, as far as known:
(351) John[5] D. Fite; died March 20, 1877.
(352) Nathaniel[5] Fite.
(353) George[5] Fite.
(354) Nancy[5] Fite.
(355) Ella[5] Fite.

(347) **Thomas[4] Bethel Fite** (David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), second son and youngest child of (247) David[3] Fite and his first wife, Nancy Daughtery, was born at Smithville, Tenn., March 9, 1826. He died January 24, 1900, in La Luz, New Mexico. He married Juliann Dorris, by whom he had issue:
(356) William[5] Monroe Fite, p. 89.
(357) LaFayette[5] Dorris Fite, p. 91.

(356) **William[5] Monroe Fite** (Thomas,[4] David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son of (347) Thomas[4] Bethel Fite and Juliann Dorris, was born near Princeton, Dallas County, Ark. He was married July 3, 1873, to Lucy Jane Elgar, in Hightown Valley, near Granberry, Hood County, Texas. In the obituary written of Lucy Jane Elgar Fite, her pastor says: "She was born in Itawamba County, Miss. November 5, 1855, daughter of Lewis S. and Elizabeth B. Elgar." Her father dying when she was young, she moved with her mother to Johnson County, Texas, about the year 1870; from there to Hood County, Texas. She professed religion early in life, and was a member of the Methodist Epsicopal Church South, until her death, which occurred October 7, 1893. Her life was, from all accounts, one of usefulness. She was a sincere follower of the teachings of Christ, in that if she could say no good of any one, she spoke no evil. Always ready with an assisting hand to the needy, and at the bedside of the sick. She was universally beloved, and lived to see her children professed members of the church.

William[5] Monroe Fite has large cattle interests in New Mexico, and lives on his ranch near San Marcial, New Mexico.

Issue of (356) William[5] Monroe Fite and Lucy Jane Elgar as follows:

(358) Flennoy[6] Elgar Fite, p. 90.

(359) Amanda[6] Ella Fite; born 1876; died at the age of eight months.

(360) William[6] Thomas Fite, p. 90.

(361) Effie[6] Lenora Fite, p. 90.

(362) Charles[6] LaFayette Fite; born May 24, 1884, in Seymour, Boylor County, Texas.

(363) Arra[6] Burton Fite; born November 12, 1887, in Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

(364) Frederick[6] Leroy Fite; born May 10, 1889, in Hope County, New Mexico.

(365) Lewis[6] Edward Fite; born September 30, 1893, in Hope Eddy County, New Mexico.

(358) **Flennoy[6] Elgar Fite** (William,[5] Thomas,[4] David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest son and child of (356) William[5] Monroe Fite and Lucy Jane Elgar, was born October 19, 1874. He was married April 20, 1899, to Ethel Ernestine Newman, at Fresnal, New Mexico. She was born in Young County, Texas, February 7, 1882. Flennoy Elgar Fite is interested, with his father, in cattle, and lives with him at San Marcial, New Mexico.

Issue of Flennoy[6] Elgar Fite and Ethel Ernestine Newman as follows:

(366) Clarence[7] Sidney Fite; born May 7, 1900, in La Luz, New Mexico.

(367) Hanson[7] William Fite; born July 3, 1902, in La Luz, New Mexico.

(368) Frederick[7] Dorris Fite; born February 15, 1904, in La Luz, New Mexico.

(360) **William[6] Thomas Fite** (William,[5] Thomas,[4] David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), second son of (356) William[5] Monroe Fite and Lucy Jane Elgar, was born in Young County, Texas, March 31, 1878. He was married September 17, 1903, to Annie May Whittington, daughter of Marion and Alice Whittington; was born in Johnson County, Texas, May 28, 1885.

Issue of William Thomas Fite and Annie May Whittington as follows:

(369) Effie[7] Gladys Fite; born September 10, 1905.

(361) **Effie[6] Lenora Fite** (William,[5] Thomas,[4] David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (356) William[5] Monroe Fite and Lucy

Jane Elgar, was born September 15, 1881, in Throckmorton County, Texas. She was married September 15, 1903, to Frederick T. Brackett, of Dawson, New Mexico.

(362) **Charles[6] LaFayette Fite** (William,[5] Thomas,[4] David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (356) William[5] Monroe Fite and Lucy Jane Elgar, was born May 24, 1884. He was married August 12, 1906, to Bernie J. West, born March 31, 1888, at Mayhill, New Mexico. They live at Alamagordo, New Mexico.

(357) **LaFayette[5] Dorris Fite** (Thomas,[4] David,[3] Leonard,, Johannes[1]), son of (347) Thomas[4] Bethel Fite and Juliann Dorris, was born November 10, 1855, near Princeton, Dallas County[2] Ark. He was married July 20, 1876, to Anna V. Brewer, in Hood County, Texas.

Issue of (357) LaFayette[5] Dorris Fite and Anna V. Brewer as follows:

(370) Ola[6] Fite; born March 16, 1880.
(371) Walter[6] LaFayette Fite; born January 23, 1883.
(372) Cora[6] E. Fite; born October 8, 1885.
(373) Estella[6] Fite; born July 29, 1887; died June 6, 1892.
(374) William[6] Joseph Fite; born October 18, 1891.
(375) Ella[6] May Fite; born April 10, 1893.
(376) Orville[6] Fite; born April 18, 1895.
(377) Minnie[6] Edith Fite; born May 7, 1897.
(378) Samuel[6] Fite; born March 22, 1899.
(379) Paul[6] Leonard Fite; born May 23, 1904.

(350) **Margaret[4] Elizabeth Fite** (David,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child of (247) David[3] Fite and his second wife, Elizabeth Griffin, was born September 12, 1838. She was married December 24, 1855, to George Whitfield Witt, and died October 27, 1856, leaving an infant ten days old, namely:

Margaret[5] Elizabeth Witt; born October 17, 1856. She was married October 17, 1877, to W. H. Bennett, M.D., who died April 5, 1903; no issue. Mrs. Bennett lives in Lebanon, Tenn.

(248) **Moses[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in Tennessee, about 1797. He married Rebecca Avant, daughter of Abner and Mary Avant. She died in 1863. This couple had a large family, and moved from Smith's Forks, Tenn., to Arkansas, in 1849, where Moses[3] died in 1874.

Issue of (248) Moses[3] Fite and Rebecca Avant as follows:

(380) Sarah[4] C. Fite, p. 92.

(381) David[4] Fite; married Elizabeth Hinsley.
(382) Parrie[4] Lee Fite; married Mr. Mack Bane.
(383) Abner[4] Fite; deceased.
(384) Margareth[4] Fite; married Watson Cook.
(385) Benjamin[4] C. Fite, p. 92.
(386) Andrew[4] Jackson Fite; married Mary Hinsley.
(387) Buford[4] Fite; deceased.
(388) Lemuel[4] Fite; born 1846; married Hannah Lemmons, by whom he has issue, Benjamin,[5] Sarah,[5] and Katharine[5] Fite.
(389) Thomas[4] Fite, p. 92.

(380) **Sarah[4] C. Fite** (Moses,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest child of (248) Moses[3] Fite and Rebecca Avant, was born in Tennessee, in 1822. She was married very young, in 1836, to Gilbert Watson; he died in 1861. Sarah[4] C. Fite Watson is still living, and makes her home at Willow, Dallas County, Ark.

Issue of (380) Sarah[4] C. Fite and Gilbert Watson as follows:
(*a*) E. W. Watson; married E. J. Bullock.
(*b*) Martha H. Watson; married Monroe Lee.
(*c*) Mary Ann Watson; married John Carroll.
(*d*) Moses Watson; married Matilda Robson.
(*e*) Ruffin Watson; married Sarah Marsh.
(*f*) D. A. Watson; married A. H. Bullock.
(*g*) J. C. Watson; married Leona Knight.

(385) **Benjamin[4] C. Fite** (Moses,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (248) Moses Fite and Rebecca Avant, was born near Liberty, Tenn., October 15, 1834; married Jane Lee, February 25, 1860, and had issue as follows:

(525) Lemuel[5] Clinton Fite; born in Arkansas, November 25, 1861; married Annie Gilbert, and has nine children.

(526) Andrew[5] Hunter Fite; born in Arkansas, February 10, 1868; married Annie Lemans, and has seven children.

(527) Douglas[5] Green Fite; born in Arkansas, February 17, 1872; married Ada Legans, and has six children.

(528) Louis[5] Caldwell Fite; born in Arkansas September 23, 1875; married Maley Kilmer, and has two children.

(529) Ely[5] Cross Fite; born in Arkansas, March 5, 1881; married Emma Birch, and has one child.

(530) Lula[5]? Fite; born in Arkansas, March 4, 1883.

(389) **Thomas[4] Fite** (Moses,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (248) Moses[3] Fite and Rebecca Avant, was born November 14, 1839; he was married May 22, 1859, to Martha Ann Elizabeth King, by whom he has issue as follows:

(390) Albert[5] Waller Fite; born September 22, 1860.

(391) Anna[5] Eliza Fite; born June 30, 1863; married a Mr. Posey, and has issue, Minnie,[6] Charles,[6] Matthew,[6] Beatrice,[6] Milton,[6] Albert,[6] Coy,[6] Ida,[6] Lula,[6] Ophelia.[6]

(392) Katharine[5] Rebecca Fite; born January 3, 1866; married Mr. Hilton, and has issue, Ida,[6] Bunyan,[6] Diff,[6] Jack,[6] Lee.[6]

(393) Parton[5] Jackson Fite; born October 7, 1869; married and has issue, Henry,[6] Junius,[6] Lucile.[6]

(394) Ida[5] Belle Fite; born ——; died in infancy.

(395) Willis[5] Thomas Fite; born August 18, 1873; married —— and has issue, Harris,[6] Norah,[6] Melvin,[6] Eva,[6] Olan.[6]

(396) Gillie[5] Ollie Fite; born February 14, 1876; married Harvey Drummond.

(397) Claude[5] Gaines Fite; born June 20, 1879; died age 12 years.

(398) Joseph[5] Peyton Fite; born December 12, 1881; single.

(249) **William[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in Smith County, Tenn., July 27, 1800. He married Nancy West, born October 9, 1805; died December 1, 1846. They moved from Liberty, Tenn., in 1836, to Holly Springs, Miss., and from there to near Sardis, Miss. William[3] Fite was a planter and stock man; he died November 13, 1869. In 1861 he had six living children and thirty-four grandchildren.

Issue of (249) William[3] Fite and Nancy West as follows:

(399) Mathias[4] Starkey Fite, p. 93.

(400) Martha[4] Fite, p. 96.

(401) Margaret Fite, p. 96.

(402) Louisa[4] Fite, p. 96.

(403) Tabitha[4] Adeline Fite; born February 21, 1832; died June 4, 1833.

(404) Darthula[4] Fite, p. 97.

(405) William[4] West Fite, p. 97.

(399) **Mathias[4] Starkey Fite** (William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]) eldest child of (249) William[3] Fite and Nancy West, was born in Tennessee, March 3, 1822. He was married to Nancy Merriman, in 1844, by whom he had eight children. Mathias[4] Starkey Fite was a planter and a member of the Home Guard in the Confederate service during the Civil War. He died July 14, 1896.

Issue of (399) Mathias[4] Starkey Fite and Nancy Merriman as follows:

(406) Wimie[5] Fite, p. 94.

(407) Leonard[5] West Fite, p. 94.

(408) Joseph[5] M. Fite; born 1850; died 1871.

(409) LaFayette[5] P. Fite, p. 94.

(410) Tennessee[5] Fite; born November, 1855; died 1860.

(411) Calvin[5] Fite, p. 95.
(412) Monroe[5] Fite; born 1865; died 1866.
(413) Nancy[5] Fite; born in Mississippi, November 12, 1861; married 1905, to Henry Fulmer, of Sardis, Miss.
(414) Mathias[5] Starkey Fite, p. 95.

(406) **Wimie[5] Fite** (Mathias,[4] William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest child of (399) Mathias[4] Starkey Fite and Nancy Merriman, was born August 8, 1846. She was married in 1869 to John W. Lowell, born 1836, and lives at Lowellville, Miss.

Issue of (406) Wimie[5] Fite and John W. Lowell as follows:

(*a*) Minnie[6] Lowell; born 1870; died 1891; married Levi Davis. No issue.
(*b*) Mathias[6] T. Lowell; born 1873.
(*c*) Lydia[6] Lowell; born 1875.
(*d*) William[6] C. Lowell; born 1876.
(*e*) Monroe[6] Lowell; born 1877; was married in 1902 to Sara Stephens, by whom he has two children, LaVerne[7] Lowell, born 1903, and Victorine[7] Lowell, born 1905.
(*f*) Perle[6] Lowell; born 1879.

(407) **Leonard[5] West Fite** (Mathias,[4] William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), second child of (399) Mathias[4] Starkey Fite and Nancy Merriman, was born March 27, 1846. He was married to Katherine Page, by whom he has had nine children; he was a soldier in the Confederate service during the Civil War, a member of Hill's Co., of General Forrest's command.

Issue of (407) Leonard[5] West Fite and Katherine Page as follows:

(415) Elizabeth[6] Fite; was born in 1873; married John Lowell, and has issue, Ashley,[7] Raymond,[7] May, and Stella[7] Lowell.
(416) Joseph[6] Fite; born in 1875; married Rose Sanders, and has one child.
(417) Maud[6] Fite; born in 1877; married Calvin Fulmer, of Gulf Port, Miss.
(418) Lena[6] Fite; born 1879.
(419) Monroe[6] Fite; born 1881.
(420) Mathias[6] Fite; born 1882.
(421) Nancy[6] Fite; born 1884; died 1905.
(422) Ida[6] Fite; born 1886.
(423) Dye[6] Fite; born 1888.

(409) **LaFayette[5] P. Fite** (Mathias,[4] William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (399) Mathias[4] Starkey Fite and Nancy Merriman, was born in Mississippi, September 7, 1853. He married Sara Brown Pounders, of Mississippi, in 1877, daughter of Pleasant

Beard Pounders, of North Carolina, and Martha Ann Henry, of Tennessee. She was born January 27, 1856. LaFayette P. Fite lives in Byhalia, Miss.

Issue of (409) LaFayette[5] P. Fite and Sara Brown Pounders as follows:

(424) Beulah[6] Wood Fite; born October 1, 1878; lives with her father in Byhalia.

(425) Pleasant[6] LaFayette Fite, p.

(426) Minnie[6] Lee Fite; born 1882; died 1882.

(427) Calvin[6] West Fite; born December 18, 1883; is a merchant in Como, Miss.

(428) Mathias[6] Starkey Fite; born October 7, 1889. He was accidentally shot by a playmate, and died of lockjaw in the hospital, at Memphis, Tenn., January 21, 1906.

(425) **Pleasant[6] LaFayette Fite, M.D.** (LaFayette,[5] Mathias,[4] William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (409) LaFayette[5] P. Fite and Sara Brown Pounders, was born September 2, 1880, in Mississippi. He was married December 14, 1904, to Nellie E. Brooks, of Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Fite graduated from the Literary School in Byhalia, Miss., when but sixteen years of age; was examined and passed for entrance to Oxford University the same year. He graduated from the Memphis Hospital Medical College in 1901, and had, besides two special diplomas, a license to practice in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi a few months before he had reached the age of twenty-one. He is living in his native town of Byhalia, Miss., where he has an extensive practice.

(411) **Calvin[5] Fite** (Mathias,[4] William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (399) Mathias[4] Starkey Fite and Nancy Merriman, was born March 1, 1858. He is a planter and lives at Glenville, Miss. In 1887 he married Ida Betts, born November 8, 1867, of Como, Miss., by whom he has issue as follows:

(429) Eudora[6] Irene Fite; born January 13, 1889.

(430) John[6] Betts Fite; born July, 1891; died 1891.

(431) Helen[6] Winnie Fite; born 1892.

(432) Mary[6] Ethel Fite; born 1895.

(433) Annie[6] Leona Fite; born 1902.

(414) **Mathias[5] Starkey Fite** (Mathias,[4] William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest son of (399) Mathias[4] Starkey Fite and Nancy Merriman, was born in Mississippi, in 1865. He was married to Annie Betts, in 1872, by whom he had two children. Mathias[5] Starkey Fite died August 4, 1897. His widow married his cousin, Mathias[5] S. Riles, of Water Valley, Miss., son of Green Riles and (402) Louisa[4] Fite.

Issue of Mathias[5] Starkey Fite and Annie Betts as follows:
(434) Bessie[6] Watt Fite; born 1891.
(435) John[6] Fite; born 1894.

(400) **Martha[4] Fite** (William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), eldest daughter of (249) William[3] Fite and Nancy West, was born in Tennessee, December 22, 1824, and went, while young, to Mississippi with her parents. She married Allen Merriman and lives at Rosebloom, Miss.

Issue of (400) Martha[4] Fite and Allen Merriman as follows:

(*a*) Ann[5] Merriman; born 1845; married December 25, 1867, John Whitten, and lives at Rosebloom, Miss. Issue: Silas,[6] John,[6] Texanna,[6] Mattie,[6] Nettie,[6] and Maude[6] Whitten, all married.

(*b*) Adeline[5] Merriman; born 1848, January 5; married Spencer Laylor in 1869, and lives in Rosebloom, Miss. Issue: Warren,[6] Julius,[6] John,[6] Mattie,[6] Claude,[6] Lynde,[6] and Lily[6] Laylor, all married.

(*c*) Mahalia[5] Merriman; born 1849; married John Little in 1869, and lives in Rosebloom, Miss. Issue: John, Dock, Florence, and Jennie Little, all married.

(*d*) Martin[5] Merriman; born January 1, 1851; married in 1871, to Mollie Jones, and lives in Sardis, Miss. Issue: Allen,[6] born September 3, 1872; married Hattie Andrews in 1893, and has issue, Henry,[7] born 1896, and David,[7] born 1901. Gipson,[6] born January 15, 1874; Kenneth,[6] born October 6, 1877; Tencel,[6] born January 11, 1883; Ivy,[6] born November 15, 1887.

(401) **Margaret[4] Fite** (William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (249) William[3] Fite and Nancy West, was born in Tennessee, December 22, 1826. She married Hugh Ward and they moved to Texas in 1853. He died September 16, 1864. Mrs. Ward is now living in Dilly, Texas.

(402) **Louisa[4] Fite** (William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (249) William[3] Fite and Nancy West, was born in Tennessee, April 19, 1829. She married Green Riles, of Mississippi, and had issue:

(*a*) William[5] C. Riles; married three times; first, Mollie Myers; second, Fanny Campbell; third, ——; he is now Mayor of Carrolton, Miss.

(*b*) James[5] Riles; married Zuella Cook, and lives in Harmonstown, Miss.

(*c*) Mathias[5] S. Riles; born 1860; married his cousin's widow, Mrs. Annie Betts Fite (see p. 95) in 1898, and has issue, Russell,[6] born 1900. They live in Water Valley, Miss.

(404) **Darthula**[4] **Fite** (William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest daughter of (249) William,[3] Fite and Nancy West, was born in Tennessee, June 26, 1834; she was an infant when her parents moved to Mississippi. She married James Williams of Langston, Miss.

Issue of (404) Darthula[4] Fite and James Williams as follows:

(*a*) Mathias[5] Williams; married Miss Young, by whom he had issue, Minnie,[6] who married John Turberville, of Memphis, Tenn., and has two children. Annie[6] married James Arnold, of Sardis, Miss., and has one child. James[6] married Inez Arnold, and has one child; he lives in Sardis, Miss.

(*b*) Lewis[5] Williams; married Willie Stephenson and lives at Langston, Miss.

(*c*) Mary[5] Williams; deceased.

(*d*) William[5] Williams; deceased.

(*e*) John[5] Williams; born December 19, 1854; married March 30, 1886, Mattie Buchannan, by whom he had issue, Ola,[6] married in 1906, to Robert Hale, of Tyro, Miss. Mamie[6] Williams; John[5] Williams, died June 16, 1889, and his widow married Michael O'Neill, of Sardis, Miss.

(405) **William**[4] **West Fite** (William,[3] Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), youngest child of (249) William[3] Fite and Nancy West, was born in Mississippi, June 29, 1839. He was married twice; first, in 1867, to Martha Conner, who bore him seven children and died in 1880. He married second time in 1881, Paralle Cloud, by whom he had four children. William[4] West Fite was a planter and a Confederate soldier. He served in Co. J, Forty-second Regiment, Heath's Division, Davis' Brigade, Virginia Army of the Civil War. He died in 1880.

Issue of (405) William[4] West Fite as follows:

(436) Edgar[5] Fite; born February 14, 1868; married Mrs. Kate Wallace, and lives at Houston, Texas.

(437) Caroline[5] Fite; born 1869; died 1871.

(438) Frederick[5] Fite; born May 1, 1871, and lives at Sardis, Miss.

(439) Daisy[5] Fite; born December, 1872; married, 1893, Newton Martin, of Memphis, Tenn.; has issue, Beatrice[6] Fite Martin; born 1894; William[6] Newton Martin, born 1905.

(440) Zana[5] Fite; born 1874; married 1894, to Elston Martin; issue: Rannie[6] Fite Martin, born 1896.

(441) Guy[5] Fite; born 1876; married 1903, to Mert Herron.

(442) Clarence[5] Fite; born 1879; married 1903, to May O'Neill.

(443) Verna[5] Fite; born 1883.

(444) Cloud[5] Fite; born 1887.

(445) Alton[5] Fite; born 1891; died 1901.

(446) Hugh[5] Fite; born 1893.

(250) **Sarah[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), daughter of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in Tennessee about the year 1802. She married Jonathan West and moved to Arkansas. Little is known of their descendants, other than in 1861, when present at her mother's one hundredth birthday celebration, she had five living children and three grandchildren; these five children were:

(*a*) Jane[4] West.
(*b*) Caroline[4] West.
(*c*) Mary[4] West.
(*d*) Janet[4] West.
(*e*) Leonard[4] West.

(251) **Margareth[3] Fite** (Leonard,[2] Johannes[1]), the youngest child of (8) Leonard[2] Fite and Margareth Cross, was born in De Kalb County, Tennessee. She married Benjamin Avient of Tennessee. This name, Avient, has come by common usage, to be known as Avant, and will be so designated throughout these records. A sketch of the life of Margareth[3] Fite Avant, printed in a local newspaper, at the time of her death, gives the main points of interest in her career, and is printed here in full:

"AVANT"

"Margaret Avant (nee Fite) was born in DeKalb County, Tenn., June 15, 1805; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1821, in her sixteenth year, and lived a faithful and consistent member until the day of her death, which occurred August 14, 1891, having lived eighty-six years and three months. She was happily united in marriage to Benjamin Avant January 27, 1823. Her husband died a faithful member of the M. E. Church, South, and went home to Heaven January 15, 1875. This noble pair emigrated to Texas in 1856, and located on the Sandies, Gonzales County, in 1857. Eleven children were born to them, and she lived to see them all members of the church. She died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. S. M. Elder, near Cheapside, Texas. Her last words were: 'Farewell, vain world, I'm going home; my Saviour smiles and bids me come.' She had forty-six grandchildren, one hundred and five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Her house was a home for Methodist preachers. Her hospitalities were alike bestowed on all preachers who came to her door. The sick, the suffering, and the poor were beneficiaries and objects of her charity. It was the privilege and the pleasure of the writer to visit her house often. She was a devoted Christian, and ever ready to talk about religion and the goodness of her Saviour. For several years she was unable to regularly attend the worship of God, but said her heart was there. A more consistent Christian I never knew. For a long time she had been very feeble, and had

gone to her daughter's on a visit. In an effort to move her chair and get up she fell and broke her thigh bone from which she suffered four weeks amid the most intense pain. She asked God if it could be his will, to let her die, and in great peace this Mother in Israel passed into rest, rejoicing in hope of everlasting life. She leaves a large train of relatives and many friends to mourn their loss. She was laid away to rest in the cemetery at Wrightsboro, Texas, to await the Resurrection. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from labor and their works do follow them.

"L. G. WATKINS.

"*Leesville, Texas.*"

Issue of (251) Margareth[3] Fite and Benjamin Avant as follows:

(*a*) William[4] Carroll Avant; born October 28, 1823; died January 12, 1904; married Nancy Williams in 1848, by whom he had ten children: (1) Helen,[5] married W. C. Potter, a prominent business man of Smithville, Tenn., and veteran of the Civil War, by whom she had issue, Edward,[6] Nettie,[6] Eula,[6] William,[6] Charles,[6] Vera,[6] Nannie,[6] Herbert,[6] Clarence,[6] and Norman[6] Potter. (2) Delia,[5] married Robert Scruggs, of Stonewall, Tennessee, and had issue, Hattie,[6] Lena,[6] William,[6] Fannie,[6] Pearl,[6] John,[6] and Kate[6] Scruggs. (3) Caswell,[5] married twice; first, Bettie Berry; issue, Ara,[6] second, Tennie Ventreese; issue, Bertie,[6] Lula,[6] William,[6] Nannie,[6] Mattie,[6] and Frank[6] Avant, and lives at Doweltown, Tenn. (4) Jep.,[5] married Ellen Young; issue, Flora,[6] Lillian,[6] Roy,[6] Henson,[6] Robert,[6] and Myrtle[6] Avant; lives at Temperance Hall, Tenn. (5) Alvin,[5] married Addie Paty, and lives at Smithville, Tenn. (6) Louis[5] B., married Etta Avant; issue, Julia,[6] Buena,[6] Dora,[6] and Alvin[6] Avant, and lives at Halletsville, Texas. (7) Matthew,[5] married Nannie Reynolds; issue, Bonnie.[6] (8) Josephine,[5] married William Johnson; issue, Charles,[6] Edgar,[6] Earnest,[6] Grover,[6] Mary,[6] Lillian,[6] and Fannie[6] Sue Johnson. (9) Mintie,[5] married John Robinson; issue, Nannie[6] and Lela[6] Robinson. (10) Charles,[5] married Ethel Robinson and lives at Doweltown, Tenn.

(*b*) Elizabeth[4] Avant; born January 16, 1825; died January 6, 1901; married May 4, 1843, Thomas H. W. Richardson, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; issue, (1) William[5] Benjamin, (2) John[5] Cross, (3) Thomas[5] Lee Richardson; all deceased but (3) Thomas[5] Lee, who was born February 20, 1865, at Nashville, Tenn., and married Belle Largent, by whom he has issue, Lena,[6] who was married June 6, 1906, to John Frederick Gilbert, of Murfreesboro, Tenn.

(*c*) Nancy[4] Avant; born March 20, 1827; died June 14, 1874; was married twice; first, to Richard Forester, about 1843, by whom she had issue, (1) Priscilla,[5] married Joseph Hunter, of Nuecestown, Texas, December, 1865. They have a large family. (2) Amanda,[5] married John Woods, of Putman, Texas, in 1868. They have a large family.

(*c*) Nancy[4] Avant; married second, Daniel Boon Dillard, December, 1856, by whom she had six children, *i.e.*, (1) Fannie,[5] married Marion Buchannon; issue, thirteen children. (2) Margareth,[5] married Brazel Canada; issue, five children. (3) Nathan,[5] married Maggy Ward; issue, four children. (4) Luda,[5] married Monroe Ward; issue, eight children. (5) Joseph,[5] died when a boy. (6) Eliza,[5] married Joseph Pouncey, issue seven children.

(*d*) Polly[4] Saline Avant; born April 30, 1829; married W. C. Youngblood; she is now a wealthy widow, and lives at Liberty, Tenn., the place of her birth.

(*e*) Abner[4] Avant; born February 1, 1831; died August 20, 1901; was married twice; first, to Elitha Elder, in 1856, by whom he had six children, *i.e.*, (1) Mary,[5] married Marion Lowery; issue, three children. (2) Ella,[5] married John Laird; issue, three children. (3) Abner[5] Mather, married Loma Johnson; issue, three children. He is Sheriff of Atascosa County, and his home is Pleasanton, Texas. (4) Robert,[5] married Florence James; issue, three children. (5) Benjamin,[5] married Rose Rogers; issue, two children. (6) Eula,[5] married twice; first, Benjamin Laird; second, Charles Lowery, and has four children.

(*f*) Martha[4] Ann Avant; born February 9, 1833; married three times; first, in 1852, William Dolphin Bass, who died December 29, 1869; issue, (1) Margareth[5] Jane Bass; born July 5, 1853; married May 29, 1873, to Samuel B. Lambert, who died October, 1904. This couple had issue, (*a*) Jessie[6] Dolphin Lambert, born 1874; married Susie Withers in 1900, and have issue, Clifton[7] Edwin, born 1901; Irene[7] C., born 1903; Raymond[7] Bennett, born 1905; (*b*) Lula[6] May Lambert; born 1876; married June 10, 1902, to Otto Zinsmeyer, by whom she has issue, Vivian[7] Lee, born 1905. (*c*) Thomas[6] Lambert; born 1878; married Flora Blanton, September 4, 1905. (*d*) Mattie[6] B. Lambert; born 1881. (*e*) James[6] L. Lambert; born 1883. (*f*) Grover[6] C. Lambert; born 1885. (*g*) Walter[6] T. Lambert; born 1887.

(2) Thomas[5] Abner Bass; born September 12, 1855; was married August 20, 1874, to Anna Bornes; issue, William[6] B. Bass, born 1884; Saline[6] Bass, born 1897; Frederick[6] Bass, born 1901.

(3) Mary[5] Francis Bass; born 1858; married Thomas L. Moore January 12, 1877, by whom she has issue, Emmette,[6] born 1878; Claud,[6] born 1880; Julia,[6] born 1882; Ada,[6] born 1887; Ula,[6] born 1891.

(4) James[5] Madison Bass; born November 16, 1861; was married August 26, 1888, to Ula LeHentz Smith, daughter of Dr. Wiley C. Smith and Emma Stafford, of Grantville, Ga. James Madison Bass is President of the Collat Company, Mill Agents and Commission Merchants, New York. Mrs. Bass was President of the Texas Woman's Press Association from 1903 through 1905, until her removal to New York. She is now Editor of a woman's magazine in New York City.

Issue of James[5] Madison Bass and Ula LeHentz Smith as follows:

Carolyn[6] LeHentz Bass; born May 24, 1889.

Elma[6] Lewis Bass; born October 30, 1892; died October 12, 1894.

Marcheniel[6] Overton Bass; born October 19, 1895.

James[6] Gordon Bass; born March 21, 1900.

(*f*) Martha[4] Ann Avant; married the second time, January, 1873, Rev. Robert J. Gill, minister of the Methodist Church. He, died in 1897. Married the third time in 1900, to Rev. Jos. Bird a Baptist minister, now eighty years old. They live at Johnson City, Texas.

(*g*) Nathan[4] Avant; born January 19, 1835; died November 20, 1903; married five times; first, to Mary Etta Heath, in 1861; issue, (1) Ella;[5] died young. (2) Ada[5] Dora; married John Daily; issue, four children. (3) Etta[5]; married Lucian Avant; issue, seven children.

(*g*) Nathan;[4] married second, Mary Mayo; issue, (1) Benjamin,[5] married Nannie Noland. (2) Theodore;[5] married Lorina Nelms; issue, one child.

(*g*) Nathan;[4] married, third time, Mrs. Leah Daily; issue, Alice,[5] who died young.

(*g*) Nathan;[4] married, fourth time, Mrs. Sarah Jennings; no issue.

(*g*) Nathan;[4] married, fifth time, Mrs. Mary Paulus; no issue.

(*h*) Pleasant[4] Avant; born May 5, 1837; died June 24, 1904; married Matilda W. Hunter, September 6, 1866, by whom he had nine children. (1) John[5] Henry; married Juda Burton; issue, six children. (2) Nannie,[5] married Pierce Cobb; issue, four children. (3) William;[5] married Louise Elkins; issue, five children. (4) Ella;[5] married Robert Rhodes; issue, two children. (5) Jefferson;[5] died young. (6) Emma;[5] married Farr Cobb; issue, two children. (7) Lee.[5] (8) James.[5] (9) Lela;[5] last three unmarried.

(*i*) James[4] Monroe Avant; born May 12, 1839; died January 5, 1903; married Carrie Fergurson, July, 1877, who bore him eight children, *i.e.*, (1) Elizabeth;[5] married Augustus Riley. (2) Mary[5] Leona; unmarried. (3) Bertha[5] Matilda; married Millard Sloan; issue, three children. (4) Henry.[5] (5) Frank.[5] (6) George;[5] single.

(*j*) Sarah[4] Ann Malissa Avant; born November 10, 1844; married Mansel Mathis Elder, May 24, 1866, in Gonzales County, Texas. They moved in a couple of days to Dewitt County, where they made their home until Mr. Elder's death, which occurred April 22, 1883. This couple had ten children: (1) Henry[5] Blanton; born April 6, 1867; married Corilla Downs, January 27, 1889, and died February 27, 1889. (2) George[5] Tigner; born June 9, 1868; married his brother's widow, Corilla Downs Elder, December, 1890; issue, one child. (3) John[5] Fletcher; born May 2, 1870; married Belle Z. Terry November 23, 1904; issue, one child, who died. (4) Benjamin;[5] born October 17, 1872; died October 23, 1872. (5)

James[5] Mathis; born October 10, 1873; married Ella Clark December 15, 1896; issue, two children. (6) Margaret[5] Pamelia; born January 12, 1876; married November 29, 1905. (7) Arthur,[5] born March 27, 1879; died April 3, 1879. (8) Lizzie[5] May; born March 25, 1880; died April 4, 1890. (9) Nathan[5] Avant, M.D.; born July 8, 1881; married Kate Terry June 12, 1904; issue, one child. (10) Dora[5] Mansel; born August 25, 1883; married Elias M. Wallace August 24, 1904.

(*k*) John[4] Mann Avant; born July 29, 1846; died October 11, 1864, from a wound received while in the Confederate army during the Civil War.

All six sons of (251) Margareth[3] Fite Avant were enrolled in the Confederate Army from 1862 to 1865. Four of them east of the Mississippi River: James,[4] William,[4] Pleasant,[4] and Abner,[4] who were in all of the prominent battles of the war; Nathan[4] and John[4] served on the frontier of Texas.

(10) **Gilbert[2] Fite** (Johannes[1]) was presumably the son of (1) Johannes[1] Fite and his wife, Catharine. He settled in North Carolina about the same time as (2) Peter,[2] (8) Leonard,[2] (7) John,[2] (4) Conrad,[2] and their sisters did, and there is little doubt but that he was one of the brothers, *all* of whom were said to have gone to North Carolina in 1787. (10) Gilbert's[2] great-grandson, Stephen D. Fite, who has supplied the data of this branch of the family, says Gilbert remained in North Carolina but two years, when he and his brother, (9) Jacob[2] Fite, moved over into Kentucky. (9) Jacob[2] Fite soon disappeared and was thought to have been shot by Indians. (10) Gilbert[2] Fite and a man named McCoy, were hunting together, and while lying down, drinking from a spring, McCoy was shot and killed by an Indian; Gilbert[2] Fite was severely wounded in the elbow, but made good his escape. (10) Gilbert[2] Fite married a Miss Earlywine, daughter of Daniel Earlywine, by whom he had a number of children; the names of only four are recalled, *i.e.*:

(447) Jacob[3] Fite, p. 102.
(448) John[3] Fite, p. 103.
(449) Nancy[3] Fite; married Mr. —— Martin.
(450) Sarah[3] Fite; married Mr. —— Martin.

(447) **Jacob[3] Fite** (Gilbert,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (10) Gilbert[2] Fite and Miss —— Earlywine, was born in North Carolina. He married and had a son, (451) James[4] Fite, who moved to Brown County, Ohio, thence to Tennessee about 1830. This James[4] Fite had sons, (452) Henry,[5] and (453) William,[5] who married (468) Rosanna[5] Fite. (See p. 103.)

(451) James[4] never returned to Ohio, so far as is known.

(448) **John[3] Fite** (Gilbert,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (10) Gilbert[2] Fite and Miss —— Earlywine, was born in North Carolina. He moved to Kentucky with his father and served in the War of 1812; he was with Hull when he surrendered. He married —— and moved to Brown County, Ohio, when his son (455) Charles[4] was but two years old, and raised his family there. (448) John[3] Fite's children were:

(454) John[4] Fite.

(455) Charles[4] Fite, p. 103.

(456) Reuben[4] Fite; married Miss Martin; he died on his way to Missouri.

(457) Jessie[4] Fite; married Miss —— Davidson.

(458) Jacob[4] Fite.

(459) William[4] Fite.

(460) Phoebe[4] Fite; married Mr. —— Wooster.

(461) Sarah[4] Fite; married Mr. —— Davidson.

(455) **Charles[4] Fite** (John,[3] Gilbert,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (448) John[3] Fite, moved with his father from Kentucky to Brown County, Ohio. He married Massa Rounds, of Connecticut, daughter of Lemuel Rounds, and had eleven children, eight of whom are given; the other three probably died in infancy, as their names are not mentioned.

Issue of (455) Charles[4] Fite and Massa Rounds:

(462) Josiah[5] Fite; born in 1823; still living; married Miss —— Ficur; issue, (470) Susanna,[6] (471) Austin,[6] (472) Jane.[6]

(463) Alexander[5] Fite; must have been twin of Josiah, as their ages are given as the same. Issue, (473) Josephine,[6] (474) Elizabeth,[6] (475) Donald,[6] (476) Joseph,[6] (477) Molly.[6]

(464) Andrew[5] Fite; born February 10, 1825; died November 1, 1906; married twice: first, to Miss Bingaman; second, to Miss McGhee; issue, (478) Frederic,[6] (479) Sheridan,[6] (480) Eva,[6] (481) Logan,[6] (482) Tina.[6]

(465) Stephen[5] D. Fite, p. 103.

(466) John[5] Fite, p: 104.

(467) Eliza[5] Fite; married Mr. —— Allen; died in Illinois.

(468) Rosanna[5] Fite; married (453) William[5] Fite, son of (451) James,[4] and grandson of (447) Jacob[3] Fite. (See p. 102.)

(469) Delilah[5] Fite; married George Martin and died young, in childbirth.

(465) **Stephen[5] D. Fite** (Charles,[4] John,[3] Gilbert,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (455) Charles[4] Fite and Massa Rounds, was born in 1728; he married Catharine Riley, of Ohio, by whom he had seven children. Stephen[5] D. Fite lives in Marion, Ind. The children of this couple are as follows:

(483) Caroline[6] Fite; born 1850; married twice: 1st, John Butler; second, Harry Crawford.

(484) Massa[6] Jane Fite; born 1852; married George William Liselove.

(485) Charles[6] Fite; born 1854; married —— Conklin, and has issue: (490) Minnie,[7] (491) Carrie,[7] (492) Charlotte.[7]

(486) James[6] Fite; born 1856; married —— Barton, and has issue: (493) Catharine,[7] (494) Benjamin,[7] and (495) Thomas.[7]

(487) Charlotte[6] Fite; born 1858; deceased. Married —— Steward; issue: Edward,[7] Augusta,[7] Mattie,[7] Viola,[7] Gladys,[7] Marion,[7] William,[7] Susie,[7] Anna,[7] Infant, died.

(488) Frank[6] Fite; born 1866; married a Miss Miller, and has issue: (496) Nellie[7] and (497) Stephen.[7]

(489) Thomas[6] Fite; born 1870; married Miss McPherson and has issue: (498) Geo.[7] E. Fite, age 11; (499) Lillian[7] B. Fite, age 10; (500) John[7] H. Fite, age 9; (501) Clara[7] B. Fite, age 8.

(466) **John[5] Fite** (Charles,[4] John,[3] Gilbert,[2] Johannes[1]), son of (455) Charles[4] Fite and Massa Rounds, was born in 1829; he married twice: first, a Miss Stout; second, Hattie Safford, who survives him. Their children are:

(502) Plura[6] Fite; married Mr. —— Jones.

(503) Jane[6] Fite; married Mr. —— Davis.

(504) Martha[6] Fite; married Mr. —— Stout.

Bronze Tablet commemorative of "Old Congress Hall," Baltimore, Md. (home of Henry Fite), in which the Continental Congress met during the winter of 1776-7.

(1) **Heinrich[1] Vogt;** born in the Province of Hesse-Kassel, Germany, was one of the three brothers who sailed via Rotterdam for Pennsylvania, and landed in Philadelphia, September 28, 1749. He was the founder of the Maryland family of Fite. He left Pennsylvania for Maryland, presumably at the same time his brother, (1) Johannes,[1] went to New Jersey; but the earliest date at which his name is found on the land records of Maryland is in 1769. From that date to the time of his death, twenty years later, his name, anglicized Henry Fite—Fight is recorded in numerous transfers of land, and judging by his land negotiations, and the ten accounts rendered of his estate after his decease, he was a very rich man for his day. A few of these transfers, the first "Inventory" and second "account" of his estate, with the "petition" for the division of his estate, are given, so that some idea may be formed of his numerous holdings and because, in these documents, the names of his children and some of his grandchildren are mentioned.

Through the researches, made in connection with these records, the compiler is enabled to correct a misstatement made by more than one historian, and to account, in a measure, for such a statement having been made; this is in reference to the ownership of the building in Baltimore, known as "Old Congress Hall." Griffith, in his *Annals of Baltimore*, published in 1824, mentions the fact that Congress met in the house of Mr. *Jacob* Fite, when it convened at Baltimore, after leaving Philadelphia, in 1776. Scharf also makes mention of the house as belonging to Mr. *Jacob* Fite, and the third mention of the owner of the house is made in *The Work of The Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*, 1889 *to* 1902.

The fact is, Congress Hall never belonged to *Jacob*[2] Fite, but was built in 1770, by his father, (1) Henry[1] Fite, and belonged to Henry[1] to the day of his death, as is evidenced by the first item of the inventory of his estate, which reads: "One lott, with improvements thereon, called Congress Hall, subject to ground rent of £3 per annum, valued at £2,450.0.0. Jacob[2] Fite, being the youngest son of Henry,[1] continued to live in the house and kept it open as a tavern, whereby it became known as "Mr. Jacob Fite's house;" but Jacob[2] never owned the property. When the petition was made to divide the property, old Congress Hall, with the land and out-buildings, went to Henry's eldest daughter, Elizabeth,[2] the wife of George Reinicker, and has descended through her to the present generation. The building on this property, at the time of the great fire in 1904, was burned; since then part of this property has been condemned by the city for a thorofare, and the remaining portion is still held by the great-grandchildren of Elizabeth[2] Fite Reinicker.

For the benefit of the descendants who may not have seen the various notices pertaining to this old Fite house, known as Congress Hall, it may be well to say, that in 1776, when Congress was in session, at Philadelphia, and learned of the intended invasion by the British, it adjourned to meet in Baltimore on December 20th, and did meet according to adjournment. Scharf gives the following mention of the meeting place. "At the date of the Revolution, Market Street, now Baltimore, offered to view a respectable thorofare, along which a double line of houses straggled as far as the southeast corner on Market, now Baltimore, and Liberty Streets, where Mr. Jacob Fite had built a house, sufficiently large to accommodate the Continental Congress, which held its sessions therein December, 1776. This house, being then the farthest west, and one of the largest in the town, was called, for a long time, Congress Hall." The description of this house was given at a later date, as follows: "A three-story and attic brick house, of about 92 feet front on Market Street, by about 50 or 55 feet depth on the side streets, with cellar under the whole; having 14 rooms, exclusive of kitchen, wash-house and other out-buildings, including a stable for 30 horses.

In 1894 the house, then standing on the site of old Congress Hall, was marked by a bronze tablet, through the efforts of the Maryland Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. During the recent fire the house was destroyed, but the tablet was saved, and it is through the courtesy of this society that the cut of this tablet, furnished by the Society, is here inserted. The dimensions of the tablet, as given in the "Work" of the Society, are about four feet wide by five feet high. "The centre of the tablet is a plate, surrounded by an ornamental border. Upon the upper section of the plate is a picture in relief of old Congress Hall. Beneath is this inscription in relief:

"On this site stood old Congress Hall, in which the Continental Congress met, December 27, 1776, and conferred upon General Washington extraordinary powers for the conduct of the Revolutionary War."

At the bottom of the tablet is a second inscription:

"Erected through the efforts of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, February 22, 1894."

Above the plate containing the picture and inscription, is an ornamental cornice, with an eagle with outstretched wings on each corner, and a supported scroll-work, surmounted by a star in the centre. The sides of the tablets are rounded. On one of these rounded sides are the names of seven of the original thirteen states —Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, New York, Rhode Island and Connecticut—with a star between each; and on the other side the names of the other six: New Hampshire, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Shields decorate the lower corners."

This same "work" of the Maryland Society speaks of this house as "the most noted tavern of the time, for its tempting viands, the excellence of its liquors and soft, deep feather beds." The building occupied an angle, having three sides to the streets, and because of this the question has recently arisen as to which corner the tablet should be placed on, some contending the room in which Congress met occupied one corner of the house, and others that it occupied a different location.

To return to (1) Henry[1] Fite, the founder of the family in Maryland: he was the first of the name there; there was no *Jacob* Fite who preceded him in ownership of the house,or living in the province, for that matter. Henry's son, Jacob[2], was not born until 1772—consequently was only four years old when Congress met in Baltimore.

Miss Hull, of Baltimore, has rendered the author valuable assistance in settling this question of ownership, but the indisputable facts have come from the family direct.

We have no record of the name of Henry's wife; that she died between 1772, the birth of Jacob,[2] and 1789, date of Henry's death, is rather certain, as no mention is made of her in the various "accounts."

(1) Henry[1] Fite was buried in the old German burying ground, in Baltimore, and his tombstone bore the inscription: "In memory of Henry Fite, who departed this life October 25, 1789, aged 67 years." According to this date, Henry[1] was twenty-seven when he came to America, and at least two of his children were born before coming over. He had seven living children at the time of his death.

Issue of (1) Henry[1] Fite as follows:

(2) Henry[2] Fite, p. 112.
(3) Peter[2] Fite, p. 114.
(4) Elizabeth[2] Fite, p. 115.
(5) Mary[2] Fite, p. 116.
(6) Eve[2] Fite, p. 116.
(7) Andrew[2] Fite, p. 117.
(8) Jacob[2] Fite, p. 117.

FOOT NOTE.—That (1) Henry[1] Fite had more than the seven children mentioned in the inventories, is reasonably certain. Between the birth of the eldest and youngest child there are twenty-six years. Rachel Fight, of Baltimore, who married John Fay, August 29, 1785, and John Fite, who assigned a lot on Calvert Street to Richard Bowling, in 1785, were, I believe, children of (1) Henry[1] Fite's. The following Revolutionary War record, in all probability, refers to this same John Fite, of Baltimore.

"Robert Walker, late Captain Artillery, writes Andrew Danscomb, Richmond, Va., from Stafford, April 18, 1786:

"I have all the men's receipts to show for receipts of same, except *John Fite's*, who I am pretty positive received said bounty of £10 of Lieut. Hughes."—(Saffell Records Revolutionary War, p. 106.)

That Rachel and John were not mentioned in the inventories was probably due to their decease before that of their father.

Deeds to and From Henry Fite, Recorded at the Court House, Baltimore, Maryland.

1769—Henry Fite had conveyed to him from P. Mustatton (?) 77 acres, called "Spring Run," which he conveyed to Charles Smith in 1771.

1771—Henry Fite had conveyed to him "Henry's Hope," by George Capperstone.

1771—Henry Fite had conveyed to him "Niagari," by Philip Pillar.

1771—Henry Fite had conveyed to him "Little Britain," by Peter Stump.

1778—Henry Fites conveys to Conrad Carlinger, "Plymouth," resurveyed 434 acres.

1783—Henry Fight assigns to Jacob Ruse, property on Eutaw Street.

1783—Henry Fight conveys to Michael Swingle 21 acres of land, part of "Butler's Farm."

1785—Henry Fite assigns to Philip Ebert, property on Eutaw Street.

1786—Henry Fite assigns to Bosten Stonebraker, part of "Chatsworth," 3½ acres.

1787—Henry Fite conveyed to Joseph Cornelius, "Jones Farm," 50 acres.

1789—Henry Fite conveyed to Conrad Herlinger, 437 acres, called "Mattenger."

Inventory of the goods and chattels of Henry Fite, late of Baltimore County, deceased; appraised by us, the subscribers, in current money, being thereto legally authorized and sworn. (See Liber 16, p. 75.)

One Lott with the improvements thereon called Congress Hall subject to ground rent of £3– pr. annum.....	£2450.0.0.
One Lott adjoining the above with a brick stable and an old frame subject to ground rent of 4/.....	£150.0.0.
One old desk 37/ 12 old leather bottom chairs @ 5/ 1 Mahogany Table 30/ 1 pine ditto 5/ 1 pine desk 5/..	£2.0.0.
1 Poplar Table 3/9 3 Bedsteads @ 10/.....	£1.13.9
1 feather bed and Bedding 70/ 30 delf plates 5/.....	£3.15.0
1 dish 1/6 1 Coffee pott 2/ 1 Tureen 4/.....	£0.7.6
5 Small Tumblers 1/8 5 wine glasses 2/6.....	£0.4.2
1 Set tea cups and saucers 1/6 1 Set coffee cups and saucers 1/6.....	£0.3.0
1 delf bowl 1/3 1 mug 8/ 2 Candlesticks 1/8.....	£0.3.7
16 bottles @ 2/2 1 quart decanter @ 2/6.....	£0.5.10
1 doz knives and forks 2/6 2 spoons 4/ 1 Stone pitcher 1/6.....	£0.4.4
1 old Tea kettle 3/9 one family bible 37/6.....	£2.1.3
4 German books @ 7/6 two tinplate Stoves with pipes 70/.....	£8.10.0
400 Cedar posts @ 6/ 1 wooden clock @ 15/.....	£10.1.0
256 lb weights & 128 lb ditto 23/2 8 empty casks @ 6/.	£10.7.2
2 old Coffee mills @ 2/6 1 ax 4/6 1 old saw 2/6.....	£0.10.0

1 lott of old iron 8/4 6 old potts 22/6.....	£1.10.10
2 Small scale beams 1 pair dishes & 3 pr lb weights....	£0.15.0
3 bars Iron 187 lb @ 3d 1 dutch oven 7/6 1 saddle 7/6.	£3.1.9
100 lb flour 18/ 1 Iron Kettle 22/6 3 pr fire dogs @ 6/..	£2.18.6
1 pr Tongs & shovel 5/ 2 old Tables 10/ 1 old dresser 2/	£0.17.6
3 Stone Jar @ 1/8 1 gridiron 2/ 1 meal sifter @ 1/3..	£0.8.3
5 old benches @1/6 1 Hundred feet plank & scantlings 7/6	£0.15.0
2 pair leather Buckets @ 25/ 1 Cherry Table 17/6....	£3.7.6
1 old chest 5/ 1 yream paper @ 15/.....	£1.7.6
2 padlocks @ 2/ 2 small hats @ 3/ 1 shirt 7/6.....	£0.7.6
16 yds check @ 1/3 10 yds Russia Sheeting @ 1/8....	£1.16.8
1 old great coat 7/6 2 coats 2 waist coats 1 pr breeches 47/6.....	£1.15.0
3 Rush bottomed chairs @ 2/6.....	£0.7.6
1 small gold watch.....	£10.0.0
1 pr Silver buckles 15/ one Stock buckle.....	£1.0.0
1 knee buckle 3/9 broken silver 3/.....	£0.6.9
4 hones @ 2/1 one oval Looking glass 2/6.....	£0.10.10
3 papers of needles @ 1/ scale & weight for gold 3/9...	£0.6.9
Coat waistcoat & Breeches with 26 silver buttons.....	£1.17.6
1 small box with Apothecaries weights.....	£0.0.6
104 lb eight penny nails @ 10/ 1 pair small scales 8/ 8 3/-Lead weights.....	£0.10.0
1 pale 1/10½ 1 pot rack 5/ saddle housing &c.....	£0.7.10
Forty-two lights, sash, and 33 lights, glass, 28/6; 1 pair shus (shoes?), 8/4.....	£1.16.0
Two blind frames, 3d; 1 shovel, 1/6.....	£0.1.10
In cash.....	£153.0.0
	£2836.12.0

Baltimore County, to wit:

On the 5th day of January, 1790, came Henry Fite *Jun.* and George Reinicker, administrators of Henry Fite, late of said County, deceased, and made oath, etc., that the aforegoing is a true and perfect inventory of all, and singular the goods and chattels of the deceased that came to their hands, possession or knowledge, at the time of making there of that what has since or shall hereafter come to their hands, possession or knowledge, they will return in a additional inventory that they know of no concealment or suspect any to be, that if they should hereafter discover any concealment or suspect any to be, they will make the register of wills acquainted therewith, that the same may be enquired into according to law.

Sworn before me, register of wills for County aforesaid,

WM. BUCHANAN.

WM. WINCHESTER, } *Apps.*
ALEX GALLAGHER, }

PETER FIGHT, }
JACOB FITE, } *Kindred.*
ANDREW FITE, }

"Accounts," Vol. II, page 69, *Baltimore County, to wit*:

The second add'l Account of George Reinicker and Henry Fite, administrators of Henry Fite, late of said County, deceased.

These accountants charge themselves with the Balance due on the last account, being the sum of £3,180.16.10, and they crave allowance for the following payments and disbursements, to wit:

Current money retained by one of these accountants, George, who intermarried with Elizabeth Fite, in full of his part of the deceased estate, amounting to	£484.8.1½
Current money: To Harmon *Waggoner*, who intermarried with Mary Fite, in part his share, etc., etc	364.9.6
Current money paid, etc., to Jacob Fite, in part of his share of the deceased estate, etc., etc	188.13.1½
Current money retained by one of the accountants, Henry Fite, in part of his share, etc	195.6.9½
Current money paid to Conrad Reinicker, who intermarried with Eve Fite, in part, etc., etc	169.2.1½
Money paid to Peter Fite, in part of his share of estate, etc	186.4.7
Current money paid in part of his share, etc., to Andrew Fite	30.0.0
Current money retained by George Reinicker, as guardian of Mary Ann, John, Elizabeth and Andrew Fite, orphan children of Andrew Fite, being in full of their parts of the said Andrew Fite's share of the deceased estate	282.18.9
Register's fees, etc., etc	10.11.3
Payments, disbursements, etc	1,871.14.6
Es. as accounted for, etc	3,180.16.10

Baltimore County, to wit: On the 12 day of June, 1792, came George Reinicker, acting ad. of Henry Fite, late of said County, etc., etc.

WM. BUCHANAN,
Register of Wills.

Another "Account" speaks of a seventh part of Henry's estate being paid to Peter Fite, and still another speaks of Henry *Washington* (Waggoner or Werkinger) claiming his share of the personal estate on account of his wife, Mary Fite; then Abigail, widow of Andrew, claims her third of the personal estate of Andrew.

There are ten "Accounts" of Henry Fite, Vol. 10, pp. 224–407; Vol. 11, pp. 58, 69, 175, 199, 384, 532; Vol. 12, pp. 30, 421. List of debts in "Inventories," Vol. 16, p. 76.

Petition of George Reinicker and Elizabeth, his wife, to divide the property of Henry Fite, deceased, and commission for so doing. Book W. Y. 113, pp. 258, 259, 260; Folio 258.

"To the Honorable Judges," etc., this petition, dated June 21, 1809, states that George Reinicker and Elizabeth, his wife, petition for commission to divide the real estate of Henry Fight,

deceased, the 25th of October, 1789, who died intestate, seized in fee simple, of the following pulls or parcel of land, etc.: Addition to "Matigan" (valued in the end of the deed at £300.0.0), twenty-five acres; and Gists range, 154½ acres (valued at £1,154), this Henry Fight left issue, named in deed, and heirs at law, Henry Fight, Peter Fight, Mary, the wife of Herman Werkinger, Elizabeth, "your petitioner," Eve, the wife of Conrad Reinicker, Jacob and Andrew.

Jacob Fight "has since departed this life, etc. Wife, Nancy (Anna), Henry Fight, the son, after the death of his father, died intestate, leaving seven children: George, Henry, Peter, Betsy, Andrew, Margaret, and John Fight, the three last of whom are minors, and reside in the State of Kentucky," etc.

Andrew Fight, son of Henry Fight, the first, died after his father, intestate, leaving issue, Polly, John, Andrew, Elizabeth; Andrew being a minor, and the said Elizabeth having intermarried with Floyd McCallister (McAlister).

The commission was granted, to six men, to appraise this property, etc., Dec. 23, 1809.

(2) **Henry[2] Fite** (Henry,[1]), son of (1) Henry[1] Fite, owner of Congress Hall, was probably the eldest child, as he was made administrator of his father's estate, together with his brother-in-law, George Reinicker. He is thought to have been married twice, as his three youngest children, in 1809, were mentioned as minors. He died between 1794 and 1809; the fact of his decease is mentioned at the latter date in the petition of his sister and her husband, (4) Elizabeth[2] Fite and George Reinicker. Mention is not made of (2) Henry's[2] wife, but his children were as follows:

(9) George[3] Fite.

(10) Henry[3] Fite, p. 112.

(11) Peter[3] Fite; married August 20, 1782, Mary Clayor.

(12) Elizabeth[3] Fite (Betsy); married May 22, 1819, Joseph Sims.?

(13) Andrew[3] Fite,
(14) Margaret[3] Fite,
(15) John[3] Fite,
} These three children are mentioned in the petition of 1809, as being "minors and living in the State of Kentucky."

(10) **Henry[3] Fite** (Henry,[2] Henry[1]), second son of (2) Henry[2] Fite, and grandson of the owner of "Congress Hall," was born in Baltimore, Md. He was married December 24, 1796, to Elizabeth Ann Segan, and moved to Hagerstown, Md., from which place he moved to Indiana, and was buried on the homestead place near Jeffersonville. His widow married David Bloom.

Issue of (10) Henry[3] Fite and Elizabeth Ann Segan:

FOOT NOTE.—Pollard Fite m. Oct. 23, 1819, Elizabeth Madden; he is of the Maryland branch, but exact location not made.

(16) Andrew[4] Fite; married; had several children, all deceased. He is buried in Indiana.

(17) Elizabeth[4] Fite; married Mr. Weaver, deceased.

(18) John[4] Fite, p. 113.

(19) Henry[4] Fite; moved farther west.

(20) Margaret[4] Fite; married twice; first, Mr. Gates; no living issue. Second, Mr. Kinley, by whom she had a large family; whereabouts unknown.

(71) Peter[4] Fite; married Nellie Kimbley and moved to Kentucky.

(72) George[4] Fite; died in young manhood.

NOTE.—The two last names have been inserted in proof of which accounts for the numbering not being in sequence.

(18) **John[4] Fite** (Henry,[3] Henry,[2] Henry[1]), eldest son of (10) Henry[3] Fite and Elizabeth Segan, was born in Hagerstown, Md., May 20, 1799; died in 1851. He moved with his parents to Jeffersonville, Ind., and married December 15, 1825, Eliza Starr, born January 19, 1803, daughter of Jeremiah Starr, and his wife, Miss Brookhart, of Pennsylvania. The Brookharts, of this family, were Revolutionary soldiers. This couple had issue:

(21) Barbara[5] Ann Fite, p. 113.

(22) Samuel[5] L. Fite, p. 114.

(23) John[5] S. Fite, p. 114.

(24) Andrew[5] Fite, p. 114.

(25) Margaret[5] E. Fite; born December 28, 1834; married Mr. Kemp. After his death she moved to Kansas; she had no issue; died April, 1906.

(26) Martha[5] J. Fite; born January 25, 1836; married Dennis Byron, and lives in New Albany, Ind. Issue, two sons.

(21) **Barbara[5] Ann Fite** (John,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] Henry[1]), daughter of (18) John[4] Fite and Eliza Starr, was born September 8, 1826; married Wm. Keller, in New Albany, Ind., April 8, 1856. Their six children, who grew to maturity, were born in New Albany, Ind., and are as follows:

(*a*) Charles[6] Lewis Keller; born January 30, 1857; married Anice Mahaffey September 3, 1878; have no children; lives in Tyro, Kan.

(*b*) John[6] Wesley Keller; born April 4, 1861; married Amanda Gray, November, 1881; died January 6, 1885. Left a son, John[7] Elmer Keller, who was born April 6, 1885. This son lives with his mother at Independence, Kan.

(*c*) Anna[6] Keller; born January 13, 1863, lives in Hays, Kan.

(*d*) Samuel[6] Fite Keller; born July 11, 1864; married Elmina Dixon, November, Thanksgiving day, 1887; has one son, George[7] L. Keller; lives in Caney, Kan.

(*e*) Wilbur[6] Fisk Keller; born April 1, 1866; married Ollie M. Strait, August, 1894; has no children; lives in Independence, Kan.

(*f*) Wm.[6] Heber Keller; born February 25, 1872; married Hattie Cochran, July 5, 1905; lives in Effingham, Kan.

(22) **Samuel[5] L. Fite** (John,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] Henry[1]), eldest son of (18) John[4] Fite and Eliza Starr, was born March 14, 1828. He married twice; first, Malinda Byrn, in 1851, deceased; second, Juan Byrn, who still lives, with her husband, at Crandall, Ind. Samuel[5] Fite volunteered as a private in the Sixty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, "and marched with Sherman to the Sea;" he was made a Corporal.

Issue of (22) Samuel[5] L. Fite as follows:

(27) Edward[6] Fite, now deceased; married and had issue, (30) Cleo[7] Fite, who married Mr. Edwards and lives at Gass City, Ind.

(28) Wilford[6] Fite; lives in New Albany, Ind. No issue.

(29) Clara[6] Fite; married Mr. Connor; she is now a widow, living in New Albany, Ind., and has two married daughters and a son, Thomas[7] Connor, who is single.

(23) **John[5] S. Fite** (John,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] Henry[1]) son of (18) John[4] Fite and Eliza Starr, was born January 11, 1830. He married and had a son and daughter, both deceased. John[5] volunteered in the Eighty-first Indiana Infantry during the Civil War and served six months, when he was discharged, disabled.

(24) **Andrew[5] Fite** (John,[4] Henry,[3] Henry,[2] Henry[1]), son of (16) John[4] Fite and Eliza Starr, was born July 7, 1832. He married twice; first, in 1854, Nancy Speake; she died January, 1857, and her child, Lewis[6] Fite, died in infancy, February 27, 1857. Second, March 4, 1860, Levina Sappenfield, daughter of John and Martha Sappenfield. Andrew[5] volunteered as a private in the Sixty-sixth Indiana Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War, "and marched with Sherman to the sea." He was made an Orderly Sergeant, and later appointed Captain of a colored company, which office he declined. He has been a building contractor for thirty years and lives in New Albany, Ind. He served eight years as Deputy United States Marshall under President McKinley and Roosevelt.

(3) **Peter[2] Fite** (Henry[1]), son of (1) Henry[1] Fite, owner of Congress Hall, was born in 1745, and came to America with his parents. He never married, and died August 8, 1829, aged eighty-four years. He was buried in the German (Zion) burying ground in Baltimore.

In 1793 Peter Fite conveyed to George Reinicker (his brother-in-law), "Helmes Lot," five acres.

1795, Peter Fite conveyed to Abraham Seiler, Lot, etc.

1798, Peter Fite received a deed from Sam Moak, etc., etc.

1799, Peter Fite—deed of trust for Eva Robinson, lot on Fayette Street.

1810, Peter Fite, deeds for and in consideration "of natural love and affection," etc., etc., a piece of property, "Wells Manor," to Ann Fite and at her death to go to her daughter, Elizabeth. (This Ann was his sister-in-law, wife of his brother, (8) Jacob[2] Fite.)

(4) **Elizabeth[2] Fite** (Henry[1]), daughter of (1) Henry[1] Fite, owner of old "Congress Hall," was married to George Reinicker, by whom she had at least four children. Elizabeth was doubtless the eldest daughter of Henry[1] Fite; in the absence of the birthdate, the basis for this supposition is the fact of her husband being made one of the administrators of her father's estate, and, because she, with her husband, petitioned the court to appoint appraisers to divide Henry[1] Fite's estate; this petition, which is given on page 111, was dated the 21st day of June, 1809, and the commission was granted to six men to appraise the property, December 23, 1809. When the estate was divided, Elizabeth got the Congress Hall property, which has remained in her family to this date, 1906. According to a letter, on the subject, from Mr. George R. Gaither, of Baltimore, who married a great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Fite, Reinicker ——, "Mr. Granger's grandmother was Elizabeth, the daughter of Henry[1] Fite, the owner of all the property in that section, and through her he inherited the site of Congress Hall, which remained in the family until it was condemned by the city for a thorofare, two years ago (1904), after our great fire. The remaining portion of the site of old Congress Hall is still held by Mr. Granger's family, as to the fee-simple title." George Reinicker's will, 1838, Book 17, Folio 21; and Elizabeth[2] Fite Reinicker's will, Book 26, Folio 525, at Baltimore Court House, makes mention of grandson, Geo. Reinicker, and granddaughter, Elizabeth Reinicker.

Issue of (4) Elizabeth[2] Fite and George Reinicker as far as known:

(*a*) George[3] Reinicker; born 1784. The following notice is from the *Baltimore American*: "Departed this life September 10, 1805, in the twenty-first year of his age, after a lingering illness, George Reinicker, Jr., merchant of this city. In his death, society may mourn the loss of a valuable member, as his relations and friends will that of a beloved companion."

(*b*) Elizabeth[3] Reinicker; died 1836; married Henry Granger. Issue, one child, George Reinicker Granger, born April 28, 1836; married Imogen S. Raynor, by whom he had five children; *i.e.*, (1) Fanny Imogen; born February 3, 1859; married George R. Gaither, February 16, 1882. Issue, George Riggs Gaither; born

November 14, 1883; Henry Granger Gaither, born January, 1886; Imogen Gaither, born July 12, 1889; (2) George Reinicker Granger, Jr., died April, 1895; (3) Harry R. Granger; (4) Lily Granger, married Mr. Vanderpoel; (5) Lucy Granger, died April, 1880.

(*c*) Edward[3] Reinicker; according to report, his life met with a tragic ending.

(*d*) Henry[3] Reinicker; originally owned the land known now as the Druid Ridge cemetery property.

(5) **Mary[2] Fite** (Henry[1]), daughter of (1) Henry[1] Fite, owner of old "Congress Hall" in Baltimore, Md., was married to Harman Waggoner, or Warkinger; this name is spelled differently in the various documents pertaining to Henry[1] Fite's estate. Mary[2] was still living in 1809, when her sister, Elizabeth, and George Reinicker petitioned to have the estate settled. In 1810 she and her daughters are mentioned in the will of her brother-in-law, Conrad Reinicker, for the amount of $500.00.

Issue of (5) Mary[2] Fite and Harman Warkinger, as far as known:

(*a*) Mary[3] Warkinger.

(*b*) Catharine[3] Warkinger.

(*c*) Elizabeth[3] Warkinger.

(6) **Eve[2] Fite** (Henry[1]), daughter of (1) Henry[1] Fite, owner of Congress Hall, married twice: first, Conrad Reinicker, brother of George Reinicker, the husband of her sister, Elizabeth Fite; his will was made in 1810, and is in Book 8, Folio 499, at Baltimore Court House; in it he mentions his wife, his sister, Clarah Gist, wife of Cornelius H. Gist; his brother, George Reinicker; his sister, Nancy (Anna) Fite, and her son, Conrad Reinicker Fite, mentions Polly Keplinger, to whom sister Nancy Fite is to pay $1,000.00, and a like sum to Susanah Segler. Mentions "my property being part of Congress Hall;" mentions sister Catharine Kuhn; gives his nephew and namesake, Conrad Reinicker Fite, at age of 21, "a house on Liberty street, built by his grandfather, Henry Fite, deceased." Eve[2] Reinicker and John Reinicker were his executors. No issue of this marriage, unless the above executor, John Reinicker, was a son; he married July 16, 1811, (23) Ann[3] Maria Fite, daughter of (8) Jacob[2] Fite—see p. 117—which would have made them double first cousins, if, as I suppose, John was the son of (6) Eve[2] Fite and Conrad Reinicker; he may have been a brother, however.

In the old German burying ground in Baltimore, there is, or was, a little stone, with the inscription, "Jacob Reinicker, aged 4 years, 1792." This child may have been of this couple, or may have been a child of (4) Elizabeth[2] Fite and George Reinicker (see p. 115).

(6) Eve[2] Fite, the widow Reinicker, was married the second

time, to the Rev. Joshua Wells, September 22, 1812; he was a Methodist minister. Mr. Walter Odell, of Baltimore, writes that he remembers "the old gentleman very well, and his account of his long rides from Virginia, to and through the North, were highly entertaining." He was the son of Frank Wells and Miss Tevis, and the grandson of Elizabeth Howard, youngest daughter of Joshua and Joanna O'Carroll Howard, and William Wells.

(7) **Andrew[2] Fite** (Henry[1]), son of (1) Henry[1] Fite, was born in 1752; he died intestate, and was buried in the old German burying ground in Baltimore. His tombstone bears the following inscription: "In memory of Andrew Fite, who departed this life 3rd day of January, 1791, aged 39 years." He married Abigail Showers, who survived him; she died in 1839, and left a will; Book 17, p. 444, in which she mentions her daughters, Mary Fite, Elizabeth McAlister, and five children of her son, Andrew.

At the time of (7) Andrew[2] Fite's death, his brother-in-law, George Reinicker, was made guardian of Andrew's[2] children. George Reinicker retained £282.18.9, as executor of Henry[1] Fite's estate, this amount "being in full," the children's "parts of the said Andrew Fite's share of the deceased's estate."

Issue of (7) Andrew[2] Fite, and his wife, Abigail Showers, as follows:

(31) Mary[3] Ann Fite.

(32) John[3] Fite.

(33) Elizabeth[3] Fite; married Lloyd McAllister, June 3, 1806.

(34) Andrew[3] Fite; is mentioned as being a minor at the time of his father's death, in 1791. In his mother's will, 1839, mention is made of "five children of my son, Andrew Fite." He married Martha Barnett, and had issue: (1) Rebecca[4] Jane Fite; born 1821; deceased. (2) John[4] Nicholas Fite; born 1823; married Lucinda Odell, in October, 1866; she died February 12, 1901; no issue; he lives at Carroll, Md. (3) Abigail[4] Fite; married Charles Ware; deceased. (4) Mary[4] Fite. (5) Barbara[4] Fite; died unmarried.

(8) **Jacob[2] Fite** (Henry[1]), the youngest child of (1) Henry[1] Fite, owner of old "Congress Hall," was born January 22, 1771. To Jacob[2] has been attributed the building and ownership of "Congress Hall;" but this is shown to have been an error on the part of early historians. Jacob[2] was but five years of age at the time the Continental Congress met in Baltimore and held its meetings in his father's home. When Jacob[2] was grown, and after his father's decease, he continued to keep the famous "Congress Hall" open as a tavern, which was noted for its hospitality. Jacob[2] was married in 1791, to Anna Reinicker, in the Lutheran Church,

at Baltimore. She died June 10, 1819. The following obituary notice is from a Baltimore paper of that date:

"Departed this life on Thursday evening, the 10th inst., at her summer residence, near this city, Mrs. Ann Fite, in the 46th year of her age, consort of the late Jacob Fite. A few hours before her death and while engaged in her domestic concerns, she became impressed with a sense of her approaching dissolution, and after supplicating the throne of grace with her family, she expressed her unshaken confidence of her acceptance with God through the merits of her Redeemer and died without a groan."

In 1794 Jacob[2] Fite deeded to Cornelius H. Gist, lots, etc. Jacob[2] Fite "departed this life March 11, 1806." This announcement with the following, was printed in a Baltimore paper at the time of his death: "Mr. Jacob Fite, merchant of this city, in the 35th year of his age, after a long and painful illness, borne with fortitude. In him the community, his disconsolate family and friends, have to deplore the loss of a most valuable member." This odd bit of obituary poetry follows the notice:

"Now kindred merit fills the sable bier:
Now lacerated friendship claims a tear.
Year chases year, decay pursues decay,
Still drops some joy from withering life away:
Till pitying nature signs the last release,
And bids afflicted worth retire to peace."

(8) Jacob[2] left a will, in which he mentions his wife and six children.

Issue of (8) Jacob[2] Fite and Anna Reinicker as follows:

(35) Henry[3] Fite, p. 118.

(36) Conrad[3] Reinicker Fite, p. 119.

(37) Eliza[3] Fite, p. 120.

(38) Ann Maria[3] Fite, p. 120.

(39) Eleanora[3] Fite; born July 4, 1801; died October 20, 1814, "aged 13 years."

(40) William[3] Fite, p. 120.

There are extant wax pictures of (2) Henry,[2] (3) Peter,[2] and (8) Jacob[2] Fite, and one of Jacob's wife, Anna; such pictures are very rare. Mrs. William Odell owns the picture of Henry; Mrs. Jenny Harrison owns the one of Peter,[2] and Mrs. George W. Bailey owns the two pictures of Jacob[2] Fite and his wife, Anna Reinicker. Mrs. Bailey also owns one of the two chairs used by the Continental Congress, which have been preserved; the other is owned by Mrs. Thomas Freeman Dixon, of Frederick, Maryland. The other chairs used by the Congress were eventually made into settees for the slaves and were used in the kitchen of old "Congress Hall."

(35) **Henry[3] Fite** (Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), eldest child of (8) Jacob[2] Fite and Anna Reinicker, was born in Baltimore, in 1792; he "married an heiress, Mary Owings Worthington, of Worthington Valley, who is said to have been 'a lady with much temper and

many slaves.'" This is denied by one who knew her, who says, to the contrary, she was most amiable. "Harmony Hall," the Worthington Valley home, has since passed into the possession of the Cockey family. Henry[3] Fite died March 28, 1860, and left no issue.

(36) **Conrad[3] Reinicker Fite** (Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), son of (8) Jacob[2] Fite and Anna Reinicker, was born in Baltimore, December 21, 1797. He was a merchant, highly respected, and a citizen in whom implicit reliance could be placed. He was married December 20, 1819, to Pamelia Gist, daughter of Cornelius Gist and Clarah Reinicker. Cornelius Gist was a brother of General Mordecai Gist and Colonel Thomas Gist, of the Revolution. Pamelia Gist Fite was born August 8, 1801, and died December 29, 1885. (21) Conrad[3] Reinicker Fite died September 6, 1879. Issue as follows:

(41) Cornelius[4] Gist Fite; born January 7, 1821; died May 14, 1856; single.

(42) Eleanora[4] Ann Fite; born January 7, 1823; married November 16, 1841, to Edward Duer; no issue.

(43) Eliza[4] Clara Fite; born March 16, 1825; married her cousin, George[4] Alexander Reinicker, May 7, 1850; no issue. (See No. 38, p. 120.)

(44) Mary[4] Worthington Fite, p. 119.

(45) Henry[4] Jacob Fite; born August 8, 1829; deceased; single.

(44) **Mary[4] Worthington Fite** (Conrad,[3] Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), daughter of (36) Conrad[3] Reinicker Fite and Pamelia Gist, was born October 8, 1827. She was married August 6, 1846, to James S. Waters, of Baltimore, Md., and had issue as follows:

(*a*) George[5] Fite Waters; born May 28, 1847; married Ella Van Vranken. Issue: (1) Emma[6] Waters; married Louis C. Straus, and has issue, George[7] Waters Straus.

(*b*) Emma[5] Waters; born August 3, 1848; married Robert DeWitt Child; died November 28, 1894, aged 56 years. Issue: (1) Emma[6] DeWitt Child; married Thomas Peerce, and has issue, Margaret[7] Louise Peerce, Mary[7] Waters Gist Peerce, Robert[7] Cromwell Peerce, William[7] Riggs Peerce. (2) Margaret[6] Maud Child; married Charles Abner Ashcom. (3) Mary[6] Waters Child; married Edward Ross Diggs, and has issue, Edward[7] Ross Diggs, Jr. (4) Helen[6] Sewell Child; married Dr. Bruce Linville Taylor. (5) Pamelia[6] Hiss Child. (6) Ida[6] Matilda Child; married Henry Rieman, Jr.

(*c*) Pamelia[5] Waters; born September 5, 1854; married Fielder S. Hiss; issue: (1) Mary[6] Eleanora Hiss. (2) Clara[6] Gist Hiss. (3) Fielder[6] Israel Hiss.

(*d*) James[5] Neely Waters; born July 10 1863; died June 13, 1864.

(*e*) Mary[5] Eliza Waters; born October 28, 1867; she has been a missionary to China for five years.

(37) **Eliza[3] Fite** (Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), daughter of (8) Jacob[2] Fite and Anna Reinicker, was born in 1796; died in 1869. She was married in 1824, to Samuel M. Barry; born 1794; died 1870, son of John Barry and Elizabeth Messersmith. John Barry was imprisoned during the Revolutionary War.

Issue of (37) Eliza[3] Fite and Samuel M. Barry as follows:

(*a*) Llewellyn[4] F. Barry; married Anna Harrison, daughter of Joseph Harrison, of Philadelphia, Pa., and has issue, Llewellyn[5] Harrison Barry, Anna[5] Elizabeth Barry, Olga[5] Alice Barry, and May[5] Barry.

(*b*) Anna[4] M. Barry; lives with her sister, Mrs. Shipley.

(*c*) Elizabeth[4] M. Barry; married Cornelius Howard Shipley; issue, Estelle[5] B. Shipley, Ruth[5] Elise Shipley, and Howard[5] B. Shipley.

(38) **Ann[3] Maria Fite** (Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), daughter of (8) Jacob[2] Fite and Anna Reinicker, was born in Baltimore. She was married July 16, 1811, to John Reinicker, by whom she had issue:

(*a*) George[4] Alexander Reinicker; died in November, 1899, aged 83 years; married May 7, 1850, to his cousin, (43) Eliza[4] Clara Fite, daughter of (36) Conrad[3] Reinicker Fite and Pamelia Gist. (See No. 28, p. 119.)

(*b*) Elizabeth[4] Reinicker; married John Herr, of York, Pa., by whom she had a large family: (*a*) Ann[5] Maria Reinicker Herr; born 1842; married Prof. Wm. Shelly; both deceased, but left a daughter, Annie[6] Shelly. (*b*) Henry[5] Herr; married ——, now deceased. (*c*) Edward[5] Herr, deceased. (*d*) Michael[5] Herr. (*e*) Mary[5] Herr, deceased. (*f*) George[5] Herr; took the name of Reinicker at his Uncle George's suggestion, and became the heir of said Uncle, (*a*) George[4] Alexander Reinicker. (*g*) Elizabeth[5] Herr; lives in York, Pa.

(40) **William[3] Fite** (Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), son of (8) Jacob[2] Fite and Anna Reinicker, was born in Baltimore, May 4, 1803. At the age of twenty-one he embarked in the milling business; he purchased the Seacamp Mills, of which he was owner and proprietor for many years. Later, he purchased a farm in the sixth district and resided there until his death, December 2, 1883; he was an old line Whig, in politics, owner of a great number of slaves, and at his death his farm consisted of 350 acres of land.

(40) William[3] Fite was married to Achsah Owings, born in

1803, and died November 8, 1863, daughter of Israel Owings, by whom he had thirteen children, only six of whom lived to reach maturity.

Issue of (40) William[3] Fite and Achsah Owings as follows:

(46) Henry[4] Fite; died in infancy.

(47) Israel[4] Fite; died in infancy.

(48) Annie[4] Fite; died in infancy.

(49) Oliver[4] Fite; died in infancy.

(50) Emma[4] Fite; died in infancy.

(51) Elizabeth[4] Reinicker Fite; born 1830; died January 1, 1890; never married.

(52) Sarah[4] Ann Fite, p. 121.

(53) William[4] Edward Fite, p. 121.

(54) Jacob[4] Albert Fite; born 1840; died 1902. He never married; was a farmer and a man well posted in public affairs; a Democrat in politics, and was a member of Shiloh Lodge No. III, I. O. O. F., at Granite, in which he held the office of past grand.

(55) Catharine[4] Georgiana Fite, p. 122.

(56) Laura[4] Virginia Fite; born 1845; died 1879. She married R. P. Choate; no issue.

(52) **Sarah[4] Ann Fite** (William,[3] Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), daughter of (40) William[3] Fite and Achsah Owings, was born April 20, 1834. She was married June 26, 1851, to Dr. George W. Bailey, now deceased. Mrs. Bailey lives at West Arlington, Baltimore, Md. She has in her possession one of the chairs used by the Continental Congress, when it met in her great-grandfather's house in Baltimore, in 1776. This couple had six children as follows:

(*a*) Jennie[5] Downing Bailey; married James T. Harrison, of Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's County, Md.; issue: Jennie[6] Bertha Harrison.

(*b*) Mary[5] Margaretta Bailey; married Harry W. Harrison, Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's County, Md.

(*c*) Helen[5] Bailey.

(*d*) Daisy[5] W. Bailey.

(*e*) Gertrude[5] Bailey.

(*f*) George[5] Fite Bailey; married Eva Harrison, of Charlotte Hall, Md., and died in 1880, leaving two sons, William[6] Guy and George[6] Harrison Bailey; the latter married Elizabeth R. Bowling, of Charles County, Md.

(53) **William[4] Edward Fite** (William,[3] Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), son of (40) William[3] Fite and Achsah Owings, was born November 5, 1837, in Baltimore. He has been married twice: first, October 9, 1860, to Mary Elizabeth Choate, born August 20, 1840; died June 9, 1866, by whom he had three daughters. Married, second

time, May 26, 1869, to Kate Virginia Mathews, daughter of James B. Mathews, of Howard County, Maryland, by whom he has two daughters. He lives in Randallstown, Md., where he is a retired farmer and a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Fite writes, that so far as he knows, the family name, in Maryland, will end with him, as all of the male line are either deceased or have left daughters, no sons to perpetuate the Fite name.

Issue of (53) William[4] Edward Fite as follows:

(57) Mary[5] Emma Fite, p. 122.

(58) Annie[5] Achsah Fite; born October 25, 1863; died December 29, 1876.

(59) Georgia[5] Pearse Fite; born April 11, 1866.

(60) Kitty[5] Griffith Fite; born September 30, 1871.

(70) Mary[5] Anna Fite; born April 22, 1873.

(57) **Mary[5] Emma Fite** (William,[4] William,[3] Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), eldest child of (53) William[4] Edward Fite, of Randallstown, Md., and his first wife, Mary Elizabeth Choate, was born July 14, 1861. She was married April 11, 1891, to George Philetus Stanfield, of Roslyn, Md.

Issue of (57) Mary[5] Emma Fite and George Philetus Stanfield as follows:

(*a*) Mildred[6] Amelia Stanfield; born September 7, 1896.

(*b*) Mary[6] Katharine Stanfield; born June 27, 1898.

(*c*) Edward[6] Fite Stanfield; born May 10, 1900.

(*d*) Georgia[6] Pearse Stanfield; born December 22, 1902.

(55) **Catharine[4] Georgiana Fite** (William,[3] Jacob,[2] Henry[1]), daughter of (40) William[3] Fite and Achsah Owings, was born in 1842. She was married June 30, 1870, to William Chapman Odell, widower, father of three daughters; their home is at Roslyn, Md.

Issue of (55) Catharine[4] Georgiana Fite and William Chapman Odell as follows:

(*a*) William[5] Fite Odell; died in infancy.

(*b*) Edith[5] Odell; born August 7, 1873; married William Ehlers in 1901.

(*c*) Sarah[5] Achsah Odell; born October 15, 1875; married in 1896, the Rev. Thomas Freeman Dixon, of the Presbyterian Church, now located at Frederick, Md. Issue: Katherine[6] Howard Dixon, deceased. Mrs. Dixon has in her possession one of the chairs used by the Continental Congress, when it met in her great-great-grandfather's house, in Baltimore, in 1776.

(*d*) Paul[5] Barclay Odell; born August 1, 1877; married Annie Lee Ehlers, in 1904.

(*e*) Edward[6] Albert Odell; born December 2, 1879; graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, May, 1906, and went as a Missionary from the Presbyterian Church, to Porto Rico, the 22nd of September, 1906.

Origin of Odells of Maryland.

Contributed by Walter G. Odell.

The earliest discovered record of the Odells of Maryland is of Thomas Odell first, who, in 1681, bought from Col. Henry Ridgley 800 acres of land lying around Collington, Pr. Geo. Co., Md. The tract was part of 3,000 acres called "Darnall's Grove." He was no doubt in Maryland some time before the purchase of this land, and it is believed he came up from Virginia.

There is an old tradition, with the Ohio Odells, that the emigrant was shipwrecked off the coast of Virginia, about 1650, and landed in that colony.

Campbell, in his history of the Colony of Virginia, gives an account of the "Virginia Merchant," 1659, drifting into the York River in a helpless condition. The 320 passengers were landed somewhere on Colonel Ludlow's plantation, near Williamsburg. Campbell's account seems corroborative of the Ohio tradition.

About 1707 Thomas Odell bought 617 acres of land on what is now the Frederick Road. The track was called Athol, and still bears that name. It lies nearly opposite Loudon Park cemetery, but northwest.

It is not known that any of his descendants lived at Athol; but in 1744 Wm. Odell bought land 10 miles further northwest, and from him are descended the Odells, who married into the Fite family.

In 1691 Thomas Odell, the emigrant, married Sarah, widow of John Brewer, second, and daughter of Col. Henry Ridgley first. His will, made 1717, probated 1721, mentions sons Thomas, Henry and Rignall—a corruption of Reginald—daughters Sarah and Ann.

Records of the christening of the children are in All Hollows and St. Anne's Episcopal Churches, of Annarundel County. In 1707 Thomas Odell was one of the vestrymen of St. Anne's. No tombstones have been found marking the spot where he, or any member of his immediate family, lies buried. In his will he provided handsomely for his widow and children. Among the items mentioned is "my estate in England." The location of that "estate" has not been fully determined. Effort is being made to do so by Mr. John Odell of Newport Pagnall, Bedfordshire, England.

The sons and daughters of Thomas Odell married with the Beals, Newtons and Hillearys. The few Odells of Baltimore County and city, children of George E. and of his brother, Walter Independence Odell, are descendants of the Maryland emigrant. The line back to Thomas Odell is distinct and established by records. Many of the descendants moved south and westerly in the nineteenth century.

Isaiah Odell and his Uncle, "Rignal Odle," were in the War of

the Revolution. Record of their service is filed in Washington. Isaiah was but 16 when he joined Captain Towson's Company. Thomas Odell held a Captain's commission in 1776.

Miss Mary Gould, compiler of the Woodhull family in England and America, writes: "The name has been variously written in the Public Records, Wahul, Woodhull, Wodell, Odell, Odle." "In the Colonial Records of Long Island, Richard Wodhull is variously described as Richard Woodhull, Mr. Richard Odell and Richard Odell, Gentleman." "His descent from the Baronial family of de Wahul is made clear by a letter from Lord Crewe, written to Mr. Wodhull, in 1687, and produced in fac-simile in the volume." Thomas, first, of Maryland, spelt his name Odell. The Barons de Wahul date back to the year 1066.—Visitation of Bedfordshire, Records in British Museum.

The Odells of Bedfordshire trace back to Baron de Wahul and their American cousins are inheritors of the same distinguished pedigree.

From Magna Britannica, Vol. I, p. 149, pub. 1720: "A little lower the Ouse runs by Odell, or Woodhill, called Wahulle. The Barons of Wahulle had a barony consisting of three hundred knights, fees in several counties. The castle which anciently belonged to these barons was nothing but strange ruins in Leland's time, who says it was in possession of Lord Bray."

From Bibliothica Topographica Britannica, Vol. IV, p. 31, pub. 1790: "The castle, before the art of war was so refined, must have been an impregnable fortress from its advantageous situation near the river. Little remains of the old works, yet the upper and bascourts are very conspicuous. * * * Allstons purchased Odell castle from the Chetwodes, in 1640."

Alice Odell, last of the name to own the castle, married Richard Chetwode, in 1575.

Arms, Odells of Bedfordshire; argent, three crescents gules; crest, an eagle displayed; motto, quantum in rebus inane.

The New York family of Odell was founded by Wm. Odell, of whom record is first made in Concord, Mass., in 1639. There seems to be ample proof that he came from Odell in Bedfordshire.

Reginald Odell, the founder of the family in Maine and New Hampshire, is first recorded in Boston through his eldest son, Reginald, in 1686, whose birth was recorded in that city. No connection has yet been discovered between Thomas of Maryland, William of New York, and Reginald of Boston, yet all three families have their Abraham and Reginald, true Bedfordshire names.

The Odells are very numerous in Bedfordshire and adjoining counties, and have been for hundreds of years; proven by the frequency of the name and by the dates in court and church records. Mr. Rufus King, of Yonkers, N. Y., whose mother was Phoebe Odell, daughter of the Hon. Abraham Odell, of New York, and Mr. Fred Odell Conant, of Portland, Maine, report the graveyards plentifully supplied with Odell tombs, both ancient and modern.

LANCASTER BRANCH.

There is a large representation of the Fite family recorded in Lancaster County, Pa., from 1751 to about 1800, and the heads of the families were very nearly related, most of them being brothers. That the Lancaster County Fites and the other Fite families, previously given in this book, were related, there is little, if any, doubt, the supposition being they were the descendants of (1) Hans[1] Jacob Vogt, brother of (1) Henry[1] and (1) Johannes,[1] who landed in Philadelphia, September 28, 1749. (See Introductory.) The family names of Jacob, Peter and John are found repeated in this branch, as in the Maryland and Tennessee branches. That some of the Lancaster Fites were also of the Roxborough line is supposedly true. The author has been told by one of the Roxborough family that some of their people "went to Lancaster in the early days."

The earliest record of the name in Lancaster County is of Christian Vogt and his family. The church records of Trinity Lutheran Church show the following entries:

I.—Anna Maria Vogt, daughter of Christian and Anna Elizabeth, both Reformed; born April 16, 1751; baptized April 21st.

II.—Elizabeth Dorothea, daughter of Elizabeth Mann and Christian Vogt; born November 22, 1773; baptized February 11th (1774?).

III.—George Vogt, son of Christian and Elizabeth; born September 1, 1777; baptized July 21st (1778?).

It is evident, from these records, that Christian Vogt had married Anna Elizabeth Mann. He had a warrant for fifty acres of land in Berks County, Pa., surveyed May 21, 1759, and four hundred acres in Northumberland County, on which he paid non-resident taxes.

The next earliest record of the name in Lancaster County, is of Jost Feit, who had a warrant for twenty-five acres of land in said County, surveyed December 2, 1755. Non-resident.

In Lancaster County was, also, Matthaeus Vogt and his wife, Christina. Their children are recorded in Trinity Lutheran Church.

I.—Johannes Voigt, son of Mattheus and Christine, born September 14, 1793; baptized May 18th.

II.—Georg Vogt, son of Matthaeus and Christine, born November 27; baptized December 16, 1795.

(*Note the two spellings of the family name, Voigt and Vogt; both the father's and mother's given names also spelled with slight difference each time. This is an interesting and typical example of what one constantly meets with in genealogical research.*)

From the data at hand, it appears that (1) Hans[1] Jacob Fite (see Introductory) remained in Pennsylvania, and founded the Lancaster County branch, his eight sons being:

(2) **George[2] Fite** (Feight), who had donation lands, two hundred acres in Northumberland County, paid non-resident taxes, 1786-87; had 199 acres in connection with his brother, (3) John,[2] surveyed April 2, 1812, in Bedford County, and 218½ acres in Dauphin County; non-resident. He married Magdalena ——, and lived in Lancaster County. The birth of one son is recorded in the books of the Trinity Lutheran Church as follows: "Johannes Feit, son of Georg and Magdalena, born September 22, 1768; was baptized June 12th.

(3) **John[2] Fite** (Feit) lived in Lancaster County; had donation lands, 200 acres, in Northumberland County, same time as his brother, (2) George,[2] on which he paid non-resident taxes. Together with (2) George[2] he had the 199 acres in Bedford (see above); he also had an extra 48 acres in Bedford County, surveyed April 2, 1812. It is shown by the Muster Rolls that he was a private in the Second Pennsylvania Regiment, Revolutionary War.

(4) **Michael[2] Fite** (Feit) paid taxes in Lancaster County, 1772-1773.

(5) **Nicholas[2] Fite** (Fight) was living in Lancaster County in 1779.

(6) **Peter[2] Fite** (Feit and Feight) was "a private in Col. John Terrel's Battalion; Capt. John Wither's Company of Militia of Lancaster County, destined for the camp in the Jerseys, mustered in August 19, 1776. In 1780 Peter[2] was still living in Lancaster County, Martick Township, and paying taxes on 40 acres of land. He married Magdalena ——, and two of their children are recorded in the book of the Trinity Lutheran Church, as follows:

I.—Anna[3] Maria Feit, daughter of Peter[2] and Magdalena; born November 26, 1788; baptized June 8.

II.—Jacob[3] Feit, son of Peter[2] and Magdalena, born July 3, 1789 (sic.); baptized October 4. (This birthdate should read 1790, and is printed under the births for that year.)

(7) **Benjamin[2] Fite** (Feit), also lived in Lancaster County, at this period; his wife's name was Sara and their child in the Trinity Lutheran records is as follows: "Sara Feit, daughter of Benjamin and Sara, born May 22, 1787; baptized May 28th."

(8) **Benedict[2] Fite** (Feit), of Lancaster County, also had a wife Sara, and he named his son Benjamin,[3] for his brother. The above-mentioned church, has the record of his three children, *i.e.*:

I.—Anna[3] Feit, daughter of Benedict[2] and Sara; born September 20, 1793; baptized October.

II.—Benjamin[3] Feit, son of Benedict[2] and Sara; born March 3, 1796; baptized May 1st.

III.—Susanna[3] Feit, daughter of Benedict[2] and Sara; born June 10, 1798; baptized July 8.

(9) **Jacob[2] Fite,** p. 127.

(9) **Jacob[2] Fite** (Hans[1] Jacob), of Lancaster County, Pa., had donation lands in Northumberland County, of 300 acres, on which he paid non-resident taxes, the same as his brothers, (2) George[2] and (3) John.[2] His name is enrolled as one of the "Rangers of the Frontier" Revolutionary War, between 1778–1783, Northumberland County; no company specified, but payment for services shown. (See Pennsylvania Archives, XXIII, p. 213.) He was living and paying a renter's tax upon 150 acres of land in Lancaster County in 1782; he then owned "two horses" and "two cattle," and his tax was £25.0.0. Jacob married Jane Cummins, about 1785–87, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. They emigrated to Liberty Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, the latter part of the eighteenth century, and the old farm on which they lived is situated about four miles from Hubbard, Ohio, and is now owned by strangers. Jacob died in 1849 and was buried in Hancock County, Ohio; his wife was buried in Springfield, Summit County, Ohio.

Issue of (9) Jacob[1] Fite and Jane Cummins as follows:

(10) Jacob[3] Fite, p. 127.

(11) Elizabeth[3] Fite, p. 128.

(12) James[3] Fite; died in Hancock County, Ohio; single.

(13) John[3] Fite, p. 129.

(14) Mary[3] Fite; died in Hancock County, Ohio; single.

(15) Sarah[3] Fite, p. 130.

(16) Jane[3] Fite, p. 130.

(17) Samuel[3] Fite, p. 131.

(10) **Jacob[3] Fite** (Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), son of (9) Jacob[2] Fite and Jane Cummins, was born in Lancaster County, Pa., April 3, 1792. He lived and died in Trumbull County, Ohio. He was a soldier of the War of 1812, and married Jane McMullen, born January 20, 1792; died March 23, 1869, by whom he had issue:

(18) Susannah[4] Fite, p. 128.

(19) Jane[4] Cummins Fite; born May 5, 1825; died July 11, 1890; married Lyman Kerr, who died January 5, 1896; no issue.

(18) **Susannah**[4] **Fite** (Jacob,[3] Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), eldest daughter of (10) Jacob[3] Fite and Jane McMullen, was born in Trumbull County, Ohio, March 18, 1821; died April 21, 1847. She married, September 1, 1841, John Dennison, of Liberty Township, born June 4, 1818; died July 5, 1889. Issue:

(*a*) James[5] Harmon Dennison; born September 14, 1843; lives in Hubbard, Ohio; married, December 31, 1867, Florinda McFall. Issue: (1) Charles[6] Robert, architect at Youngstown, Ohio; married Dell Bartholomew; has child, Lucy[7] Dennison. (2) Mabel,[6] married Davis Artherholt. (3) Mary,[6] married Pressley Hanna; has child, Naoma[7] Hanna. (4) Emily[6] Dennison.

(*b*) Jane[5] Elizabeth Dennison; born January 29, 1845; married July 3, 1866, Levi Passmore; issue: Olive,[6] married Marshall A. Cook, of Hubbard, Ohio. Nellie,[6] married Allen T. Roberts, of Hubbard, Ohio, and has issue: Eugene,[7] Olive,[7] and Margaret[7] Roberts.

(11) **Elizabeth**[3] **Fite** (Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), eldest daughter of (9) Jacob[2] Fite and Jane Cummins, was born in February, 1793, and died September 24, 1865. She married about 1820, John Ellet; born October 16, 1794; died March 22, 1860; a farmer in Springfield Township, Summit County, Ohio. He was a brother of David Ellet, who married (11) Elizabeth's[3] sister, (15) Sarah[3] Fite.

Issue of (11) Elizabeth[3] Fite and John Ellet:

(*a*) Edward[4] Ellet; born August 22, 1823; died January 17, 1863; married April 18, 1848, Mary Hill, and had issue, David[5] Austin, Ellis[5] Eugene, and James[5] Edward Ellet, born May, 1860; died October 6, 1883.

(*b*) Kezia[4] Jane Ellet; born April 3, 1827; died October 17, 1905; married her cousin, June 14, 1849, (*a*) David[4] Ellet, son of (15) Sarah[3] Fite and David Ellet (see page 130). The last time (*b*) Kezia Jane Ellet left home before her death, she went to see to the erection of a monument to her grandmother, Jane Cummins Fite, wife of (9) Jacob[2] Fite.

(*c*) King[4] Jehn Ellet; born December 27, 1831; died November 22, 1896; married March 16, 1854, Lucinda Eliza Norton; issue, (1) Martha[5] Lucinda Ellet; born February 19, 1857; married, February 2, 1876, Milo White, who died Dec. 8, 1891; issue, Addie[6] M. White; married Charles Serfass. Frances[6] L. White; married Mark Metzger and has a daughter, Mary.[7] Ross[6] A. White. Park[6] White; married Pearl Cole and has a son, Donald.[7] William[6] and Blanche[6] White. (2) Cora[5] Jane Ellet; born May 27, 1859; married Frank Weston; issue, Cynthia,[6] Leora,[6] Howard,[6] Mary,[6] King,[6] and Dorene[6] Weston. (3) King[5] Frederick Ellet; born December, 1873; married twice: first, Louise Vogt; issue, Earl[6] and Maude[6] Ellet.

(13) **John[3] Fite** (Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), son of (9) Jacob[2] Fite and Jane Cummins was born in 1796, in Lancaster County, Pa. He migrated while very young to Trumbull County, Ohio, with his parents. He married, about the year 1826, Nancy Matthews; born 1807; died 1841, by whom he had one son. John[3] Fite died August 29, 1875. Issue:

(20) Lemuel[4] Fite, p. 129.

(20) **Lemuel[4] Fite** (John,[3] Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), only child of (13) John[3] Fite and Nancy Matthews, was born in Warren County, Ohio, December 20, 1827, and spent his early life in said county. Later he moved to Marion, Ohio. He was married, October 21, 1858, to Louisa Smiley; born March 18, 1833, in Shelby, Ohio, who survives him. She was the daughter of Jay Smiley and Dorothy Johnson, of Vermont, who married in 1822, in Jefferson County, N. Y., and moved to Ohio in 1824, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Lemuel[4] Fite died, October 14, 1900.

Issue of (20) Lemuel[4] Fite and Louise Smiley, as follows:

(21) Mary[5] Jeanette Fite; born July 15, 1859; lives in Marion, Ohio.

(22) Anna[5] Woodward Fite; born February 12, 1861; lives in Marion, Ohio.

(23) Frances[5] Ellen Fite; born February 25, 1863; died April 30, 1865.

(24) John[5] Jay Fite, p. 129.

(25) Edward[5] Smiley Fite, } twins. } Born April 9, 1866; died June 10, 1866.

(26) Edith[5] May Fite, } twins. } Born April 9, 1866; died July 4, 1866.

(27) Charles[5] Eldridge Fite; born September 9, 1867; died June 24, 1884.

(28) William[5] Benjamin Fite, p. 129.

(29) Emerson[5] David Fite, p. 130.

(24) **John[5] Jay Fite** (Lemuel,[4] John,[3] Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), son of (20) Lemuel[4] Fite and Louise Smiley, was born December 1, 1864, in Ohio. June 12, 1889, he married Ada B. Lane; born June 10, 1869, by whom he has issue, (30) Edith[6] Mildred Fite; born July 14, 1896.

(28) **Prof. William[5] Benjamin Fite** (Lemuel,[4] John,[3] Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), son of (20) Lemuel[4] Fite and Louise Smiley, was born August 23, 1869. He graduated from Cornell University in 1892, and is at present Assistant Professor of Mathematics at his Alma Mater. He married, August 23, 1869, Mathilde Hine; born May, 1871, of Bay City, Mich.

(29) **Prof. Emerson[5] David Fite** (Lemuel,[4] John,[3] Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), son of (20) Lemuel[4] Fite and Louise Smiley, was born March 3, 1874. He is instructor in history at Yale University. He married September 4, 1904, Alice Louise Nye; born July, 1875, by whom he has issue.

(31) Katherine[6] Boardman Fite; born June 8, 1905.

(15) **Sarah[3] Fite** (Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), daughter of (9) Jacob[2] Fite and Jane Cummins, was born in 1804 and died February 13, 1827. She married David Ellet, brother of John Ellet, who had married her sister, (11) Elizabeth[3] Fite. They had but one child:

(*a*) David[4] Ellet; born February 7, 1827; married June 14, 1849, his cousin, (*b*) Kezia[4] Ellet, daughter of John and (11) Elizabeth[3] Fite Ellet. Issue: Sarah[5] Elizabeth; born April 3, 1850; died April 29, 1868. Lucinda[5] Elvira; born March 31, 1854; lives in East Akron, O. Minnie[5] Jane; born January 3, 1861; lives in East Akron, O. Arthur[5] Llewellyn; born March 15, 1868; died March 9, 1897. (See p. 128.)

(16) **Jane[3] Fite** (Jacob,[2] Hans[1] Jacob), daughter of (9) Jacob[2] Fite and Jane Cummins, was born in October, 1806; died March 15, 1858. She was married, about 1833, to William McClellan; born July 4, 1807; died January, 1886; a farmer of Summit County, Ohio. Issue:

(*a*) Robert[4] A. McClellan; born April 9, 1836; married twice: first, Louisa Replagle, February 10, 1859; died 1871. Second, Amanda Huff, June 6, 1872, by whom he had issue, (1) Cora,[5] married April 27, 1892, Robert Gates, and has children, Henry,[6] Eunice[6] and Ernest[6] Gates. (2) William,[5] married, April 19, 1899, Lily Selzer, and has two children. (3) Charles,[5] married June 21, 1905, Elsie Deney. (4) Robert[5] A., Jr.; married, August 21, 1902, Lizzie Bowman; issue: Earl[6] McClellan. (5) Frederick[5] McClellan, single.

(*b*) William[4] Allen McClellan; born December 30, 1838; married June 28, 1871, Alice Russell; no issue.

(*c*) Elizabeth[4] Jane McClellan; born July 2, 1842; married September 9, 1863, Urias Cramer; issue: (1) Edith[5] Lovina; married, September, 1886, William Beckwith, and has Florence[6] Beckwith. (2) William[5] Henry (deceased); married, January, 1891, Georgia Murray; issue, Cecil and Georgia Cramer (twins). (3) Alma[5] Lucinda (deceased); married, January, 1892, Bert Jones; issue: Ralph[6] Jones. (4) Ernest[5] A.; married, August 13, 1900, Jessie Hamilton; issue: Stuart[6] Ovington and Ernestine[6] Elizabeth Cramer. (5) Mary[5] Ada; married, October, 1891, Charles Breckenridge.

(17) **Samuel[3] Fite** (Jacob[2], Hans[1] Jacob), son of (9) Jacob[2] Fite and Jane Cummins, was born about 1808. He was a farmer, and lived in Trumbull County, Ohio, until the latter years of his life, which were spent in Hancock County, Ohio. He married Amy Clingan, by whom he had six children, as follows:

(32) John[4] Fite; married —— Ellet.

(33) Jerusha[4] Fite; married Peter Fried.

(34) Margaret[4] Fite; born 1835; married Mr. Wheeler and resided in Camp, Pike County, Ohio.

(35) William[4] Fite; born January 25, 1837; married twice: first, December 7, 1866, Elizabeth Ann Beck; issue: (38) Thaddeus[5] Fite; born 1867. Second, June 18, 1885, Mary Louise Winkler.

(36) Jehn[4] Fite; born August 8, 1845; married, April 9, 1885, Mary E. Oberholtzer; issue: (39) Edna[5] Fite; born November 4, 1886. (40) Earl[5] Fite; born December 7, 1891.

(37) Alfred[4] Fite; born November 10, 1846; married, November 14, 1885, Anna Eliza Stonehill; issue: (41) Mary[5] Naomi Fite; born October 12, 1881; married Rufus Burke. (42) John[5] Lawrence Fite, (43) Emma[5] Florence Fite, twins; born April 7, 1891.

ROXBOROUGH LINE.

(1) Casper[1] Feight, Founder.

(1) **Casper[1] Feight—Fite,** of Roxborough Township, Philadelphia, owned thirty-eight acres of land in said township, in 1734, upon which he paid taxes. He was naturalized in September, 1740, at which time he is mentioned as being a Quaker, and the name was spelled Feight. The date of his arrival is not known, but presumably he had been in the country seven years at the time he was naturalized, according to the law then in effect. (See Vol. I, p. 181, Publications of Gen. Soc. Pa., and Pa. Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. II, pp. 347–351.)

The relationship of Casper Fite to others of the name who came to America at that time, and later, is not known. His name was spelled Vogt or Voigt, and he came from one of the German provinces. He had at least three sons, two of whom survived him. He died prior to 1798, but the exact date of his decease is not known. Abstract of deed appended, showing that Casper's thirty-eight acres of land descended to his two sons, Arnold and Andrew.

Issue of Casper Fite as far as known:

(2) **Arnold[2] Fite,** the eldest son, who appears on the tax lists of Roxborough Township, in 1769. By deed of August 14, 1798, his wife's name appears as Margaret.

This Indenture, made the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and one, BETWEEN Andrew Fight, of Roxborough Township, in the County of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, and Susanna, his wife, of the one part, and Jacob Lynn, of Roxborough Township, aforesaid, Yeoman, of the other part, witnesseth, etc., consideration of $100.00, for a lot in Roxborough, containing two acres of land (it being part of a cretain Tract of thirty-eight acres, which Casper Fight, father of Arnold Fight, and the said Andrew Fight, died seized of intestate, leaving issue the said Arnold and Andrew Fight, unto whom the said tract of land lawfully descended), which said Arnold Fight (the eldest son of the said deceased) and Margaret, his wife, by Indenture, dated August 14, 1798, did grant unto the said Andrew Fight, etc. (Phila. Deeds, Book E. F., No. 10, page 211.)

(3) **Andrew[2] Fite,** p. 134.

(4) **George[2] Fite;** was living in Roxborough and paying taxes, from 1781 to 1783, at least. He had a warrant for two hundred acres of land in Northumberland County, and two hundred, eighteen and one-half acres in Dauphin County, surveyed January 5, 1789, on which he paid non-resident taxes. He probably died prior to his father's decease, as his name is not mentioned in the appended deed. The will of one George Fight, of German Township, Philadelphia County, Pa., 1810, may have been the will of (4) George[2], son of (1) Casper[1]; but more probably not, for the reason stated above.

In this will, his wife, Anna, is mentioned; no children mentioned, unless one Sally Boock, to whom he left £50, and to George Boock, probable husband of Sally, £150. These legacies to be paid after his wife's death.

(3) **Andrew[2] Fite** (Casper[1]), son of (1) Casper[1] Fite, was a farmer in Roxborough, and paying taxes there from 1774 to 1783, at least. He was living there at a much later date, for the date of his will is the 27th day of May, 1804, and was not probated until May 23, 1807, showing that he probably died in May of that year. (3) Andrew[2] Fite married Susanna Essig, daughter of Ann Elizabeth Essig, and the births of their oldest children were recorded in the church books of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, at Barren Hill, now La Fayette Hill, Montgomery County, Pa. The last recorded birth is 1777; the theory being that the war prevented the regular opening of this church for some years, which accounts for the births of his younger children not being recorded. It is known that he had other children than those recorded in St. Peter's Church, two of whom he mentions in his will, which is appended. Barren Hill, during the Revolution, became the seat of active warfare, and General La Fayette camped there; from that fact comes the present name, "La Fayette Hill."

(3) Andrew[2] Fite was a private in Capt. Matthew Holeget's Company, of the Second Battalion, of Philadelphia County Militia, Colonel John Moore, in 1777 and 1778; and in Capt. John Houlgate's Company in the same Battalion in 1779. (See Penna. Archives, 3rd Series, Vol. V, pp. 606, 616, 653, 662.) He paid non-resident taxes in Plymouth Township, Philadelphia County, in 1769.

Abstract of deed from (3) Andrew[2] Fite to his son, (5) Andrew,[3] appended.

Children of (3) Andrew[2] Fite and Susanna Essig, as follows:

(5) John[3] Andrew Fite, p. 135.

(6) Ann[3] Elizabeth Fite; born May 18, 1772; baptized June 14, 1772.

(7) Elizabeth[3] Fite; born December 5, 1773; baptism—not recorded.

(8) Susan[3] Fite; born March 8, 1775; baptized; her grandmother, Ann Elizabeth Essig, was sponsor.

(9) Catharine[3] Fite; born January 9, 1777; baptized March 2, 1777.

(10) Casper[3] Fite, p. 136.

(11) Margaret[3] Fite; mentioned in her father's will; deceased prior to 1804.

(12) Hester[3] Fite, p. 142.

(13) Aaron[3] Fite, p. 142.

(14) Mary[3] Fite; died single.

(15) Samuel[3] Fite, p. 143; mentioned in his father's will.

Deed: March 31, 1801; Andrew Fight, senior, of Roxborough Township, yeoman, and Susanna, his wife, to Andrew Fight, Junior, one of the sons of the said Andrew Fight, senior, of Roxborough, yeoman. Consideration of $128.00. For a lot in Roxborough, containing twelve acres and three-fourths, and thirty-three perches, part of a certain tract of thirty-eight acres, which Casper Fight, father of Arnold and Andrew, etc. (recital as in above). (Phila. Deeds, I. C., No. 15, page 124.)

WILL OF (3) ANDREW[2] FITE.

(*No.* 44, *Book* 2 *p.* 106, *Phil. Wills.*)

In the name of God, Amen; I, Andrew Fight, of the Township of Roxborough, in the County of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, being weak in body, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this, my last will and testament, and desire it to be received by all as such. Imprimis. I most humbly bequeath my soul to God, my maker, beseeching His most gracious acceptance of it through the all suffering and mediation of my most compassionate Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an atonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by Him, Amen, blessed be God. I give my body to the earth, from whence it came in sureance of a Resurrection at the last day: as for my burial, be it at the discression of my dear wife and my son, Andrew, whom I appoint executors to this, my will, viz.:

First; I desire that all my debts be speedily and punctually paid, the remainder of all that I possess, both real and personal, of every kind, and all that pertaineth thereto, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife till my youngest child comes to age, and then, if she remains my widow, to have and to hold the same, to do with as to her may seem most proper during her widowhood: but if she should marry again previous to my son, Samuel, coming of age: that at his coming to age, the residue and remainder shall be equally divided amongst my children, share and share alike. I will that as my daughter, Margaret is dead, that her daughter shall have her mother's share, be the same more or less.

And lastly; I do hereby appoint my beloved wife executrix, and my son, Andrew, executor, to this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-seventh day of May, Anno Domini, 1804.

ANDREW FIGHT. (*Seal*)

Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the above named Andrew Fight, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, in the presence of the testator.

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WILLIAM HERITAGE.

(5) **John[3] Andrew Fite** (Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), eldest child of (3) Andrew[2] Fite and Susanna Essig, of Roxborough, "was born the 23rd of May, 1771, and baptized June 23rd, 1771;" this is as recorded in the Church Book of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, of La Fayette Hill, Montgomery County, formerly Barren Hill, near Roxborough, Pa. In the same book, twenty-five years later, is recorded the birth of his daughter, and his wife's name is

given as Catharine. (5) John[3] Andrew Fite died ——, and was buried December 21, 1836, same church (aged 65 years). Catharine died at Whitemarsh, same County, the spring of 1858, and letters of administration were granted July 19, 1858, and the inventory of her estate was filed August 9, 1858. The heirs to the estate filed a "renunciation", copy of which is appended; as the name of Susan Mary Fite, the eldest daughter, does not appear on this paper, she was probably deceased.

Issue of (5) John[3] Andrew Fite and his wife, Catharine, as far as known:

(16) Susan[4] Mary Fite; born May 18, 1796; baptized August 21, 1796.

(17) Daniel[4] Fite.

(18) Andrew[4] Fite; died in 1863, at Whitemarsh. Letters were granted August 3, 1863. No papers on file.

(19) Francis[4] Fite.

(20) Catharine[4] Fite; married Ezekiel Wood.

To the Register for the Probate of Wills and Granting Letters of Administration in and for the County of Montgomery:

We, the undersigned, Aaron Fite, Daniel Fite, Francis Fite, Andrew Fite, and Ezekiel Wood, intermarried with Catharine Fite, being all the children of Catharine Fite, late of the township of Whitemarsh, deceased, do hereby severally renounce our right and claim to administer upon the estate of said decedent, and we do request you to grant letters of Administration upon the said estate to Charles T. Miller, Esq.

Witness our hands and seals this sixteenth day of March, A.D., 1858.

	AARON his × mark FITE.	(*Seal.*)
	DANIEL FIGHT.	(*Seal.*)
	ANDREW FIGHT.	(*Seal.*)
	FRANCIS FITE.	(*Seal.*)
Witnesses present;	EZEKIEL his × mark WOOD.	(*Seal.*)
William Yerkes.		
D. N. Mulvany.		

Filed March 18, 1858. Certified from the records this 17th day of October, A. D., 1906.

HOWARD D. WHITEHEAD,
Dep. Register.

(SEAL.)

(10) **Caspar[3] Fite** (Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (3) Andrew[2] Fite and his wife, Susanna Essig, of Roxborough, was born about 1780; the exact date of his birth has not been preserved by his descendants. He was born and raised on his father's farm at Roxborough. He married Catharine Miller and lived on his own farm at Barren Hill, near Roxborough. He moved his family into Philadelphia about 1814, when he decided to enlist his services in the Army. It is shown by the War Records that he served as a private in Capt. Joseph Starne's Company, of Roxborough Volunteer Militia, Thompson's Regiment, Pennsylvania Troops, War of 1812. His service commenced September 11, 1814, and ended January 2,

1815. This record is on file in the War Department at Washington.

Issue of (10) Casper[3] Fite and Catharine Miller as follows:

(21) George[4] Fite, p. 137.

(22) Samuel[4] Fite, p. 139.

(23) William[4] Casper Fite.

(24) Henry[4] Fite; married Adeline Hayes; no issue.

(25) Maria[4] Fite; died single.

(26) Ann[4] Fite; died single.

(27) John[4] Fite.

(28) Sarah[4] Fite; died single.

(29) Hannah[4] Fite.

(30) Andrew[4] Fite; married Abigail Harvey, July 14, 1842, at St. George, M. E. Church, Philadelphia.

(31) Margaret[4] Fite, p. 141.

(32) Eliza[4] Fite; married Mr. Hayes and lived in West Philadelphia; they had a daughter, Adeline,[5] who married Mr. Addis.

(21) **George[4] Fite** (Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), the eldest son of (10) Casper[3] Fite and Catharine Miller, was born December 25, 1806. His childhood was passed on his father's farm, where he was born, at Roxborough, now a suburb of Philadelphia, Pa. When George was but eight years of age, his father moved into Philadelphia and spent the remainder of his life there. He was a man of considerable wealth for his day, and was "a fine, solid man." He was a wholesale tobacco merchant, and his place of business was on the north side of Market Street, East of Eighth Street. (21) George[4] Fite was married twice: first, to Sarah Houghton, by whom he had one son and two daughters; secondly, to Sarah Sylvia Frazier, by whom he had ten children, four sons and six daughters. He died in December, 1891.

Issue of (21) George[4] Fite as follows:

(33) Catharine[5] Fite (Kate); born in 1830 and died in 1900. She married Edward Duncan, by whom she had several children. The last heard of them, they were living near Pittman Grove, N. J.

(34) Rose[5] Houghton Fite; born 1833, and died in 1903. She married George Hugg, of Philadelphia, by whom she had a daughter, Sarah,[6] died in 1904, and a son, George[6] H. Hugg, who died in 1903.

(35) Thomas[5] Fite, p. 138.

(36) George[5] Fite, p. 138.

(37) Henry[5] Fite, p. 139.

(38) Annie[5] Fite; died in 1874, single.

(39) Mary[5] Fite; died in 1905, single.

(40) Ellen[5] Fite; living in or near Philadelphia.

(41) William[5] Casper Fite; died in 1881, single.

(42) Margaret[5] Fite; died single.

(43) Harriet[5] Fite; died single.

(44) Samuel[5] Fite; living with his sister, Ellen.

(45) Charlotte[5] Fite; died single.

(35) **Thomas**[5] **Fite** (George,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (21) George[4] Fite and his first wife, Sarah Houghton, was born in Philadelphia, in 1835; he was married in 1865, to Elizabeth Woodward, by whom he had one son. He died in 1880, and his wife died ten years later.

Issue of (35) Thomas[5] Fite and Elizabeth Woodward, as follows:

(46) Charles[6] Woodward Fite; made his home in New York City for a number of years; present address unknown.

(36) **George**[5] **Fite** (George,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), the eldest child of (21) George[4] Fite and his second wife, Sarah Sylvia Frazier, was born in Philadelphia, March 5, 1841. He was a man of talents and of brilliant mind; was for many years connected with the Royal Insurance Co., at Philadelphia. In 1865, September the 19th, he was married to Sarah Liddle, by whom he had three children. He died in 1887.

Issue of (36) George[5] Fite and Sarah Liddle, as follows:

(47) Warner[6] Hutchinson Fite, p. 138.

(48) Sarah[6] Fite, p. 139.

(49) John[6] Taylor Fite, p. 139.

(47) **Prof. Warner**[6] **Hutchinson Fite** (George,[5] George,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), eldest child of (36) George[5] Fite and Sarah Liddle, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 5, 1867. He was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia from 1874-79, and entered Haverford College in 1885, and took his degree of A.B. in 1889. He studied at the Philadelphia Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, 1889–90, and at the University of Pennsylvania, 1890–91; at the University in Berlin, Germany, 1891–92; in Munich, 1892–93, and at the University of Pennsylvania, 1893–94, where he received the degree of Ph.D. He was instructor in Philosophy at Williams College, 1894–96; Dean of the Faculty, 1895–97; Assistant and Instructor in Psychology at the University of Chicago, 1897–1903, when he became Instructor in Philosophy at the University of Texas, which position he filled until September, 1906. He accepted a professorship at the University of Indiana, at Bloomington, where he now resides.

Prof. Fite is a contributor to *The Psychological Reviews, The Philosophical Review, The Journal of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Methods.* He is the author of an "Introductory Study of Ethics," published by Longmans, Green & Co., of New York, in 1903, of which the various reviews were most complimentary. Christian Gauss, said, preliminary to his review of this book, for the *New York Times*:

"Prof. Fite deserves credit for having given us a clear, well-written, and withal interesting analysis of the moral problem and a definition and criticism of the several types of ethical theory. He has, as much as possible, avoided

philosophic jargon, has never, to quote Talleyrand, used words to hide his thought, and in the last department of his study, whatever its implications philosophically, has not hesitated to make a clear and intelligible exposition of his own views. It is, therefore, unlike many another study, not a mere floundering in the metaphysical marshes, but a book that possesses an element of personal interest and one which inevitably leads somewhere. Mr. Fite shows himself a close student of modern economic and social conditions, realizes the need for a reinterpretation of certain phases of the moral problem, and everywhere attempts to meet the point of view of the educated man."

Prof. Warner[6] Fite was married June 29, 1901, to Esther Wallace Sturges, daughter of Charles M. Sturges, Esq., lawyer of Chicago, Ill., a descendant of General Rufus Putnam, of Revolutionary fame. Prof. Fite is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, American Psychological Association, and American Philosophical Association.

Issue of Prof. (47) Warner[6] Fite and Esther Wallace Sturges as follows:

(50) Charles[7] Sturges Fite; born September 18, 1902.
(51) George[7] Liddle Fite; born February 20, 1904.
(52) Mary[7] Delafield Fite; born August 5, 1906.

(48) **Sarah[6] Fite** (George,[5] George,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), daughter of (36) George[5] Fite and Sarah Liddle, was born in 1868, and married William W. Grimes. They make their home in Germantown, Philadelphia.

Issue of (48) Sarah[6] Fite and William W. Grimes as follows:

(*a*) Marcia[7] Grimes; born September 4, 1896.
(*b*) Esther[7] Grimes; born December 8, 1897.
(*c*) George[7] Randle Grimes; born April 6, 1901.
(*d*) Janet[7] Grimes; born September 11, 1904.

(49) **John[6] Taylor Fite** (George,[5] George,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), youngest child of (36) George[5] Fite and Sarah Liddle, was born in Philadelphia, in 1873. He married Isabel Harrison, and lives at Merchantsville, N. J.

Issue of (49) John[6] Taylor Fite and Isabel Harrison as follows:

(53) Isabel[7] Louise Fite; born June 23, 1905.

(37) **Henry[5] Fite** (George,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), second son of (21) George[4] Fite and his second wife, Sarah Sylvia Frazier, was born March 19, 1843. He was married December 25, 1881, to Eva Spangler, of York, Pa. For many years Henry Fite was a tobacco merchant in Philadelphia. His home, at the present time, is Atlantic City, N. J. No issue.

(22) **Samuel[4] Fite** (Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), the second son of (10) Casper[3] Fite and Catharine Miller, of Roxborough, was born January 8, 1809. He was married April 26, 1829, to Mary Lauck,

born February 22, 1810; the daughter of David and Sarah Lauck. She died November 24, 1894. Samuel Fite made his home in Philadelphia, where he dealt in marble and real estate; he died August 23, 1888.

Issue of (22) Samuel[4] Fite and Mary Lauck as follows:

(54) Hannah[5] Fite, p. 140.

(55) George[5] Fite, p. 140.

(56) Henry[5] Clay Fite, p. 140.

(57) Samuel[5] M. Fite, p. 141.

(54) **Hannah[5] Fite** (Samuel,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), daughter of (22) Samuel[4] Fite and Mary Lauck, was born in Philadelphia, in 1831; died in 1890; she was married to David P. McKinney, by whom she had issue:

(*a*) Mary[6] McKinney; married Edward Wilks; issue: Mary[7] Wilks and a son.

(*b*) Katharine[6] McKinney.

(*c*) Samuel[6] M. McKinney; married Miss Whalen, by whom he has one son.

(*d*) Alexander[6] McKinney; died, age eighteen.

(55) **George[5] Fite** (Samuel,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (22) Samuel[4] Fite and Mary Lauck, was born in Philadelphia, in 1832, and died in 1897. He was married to ——, by whom he had issue:

(58) William[6] Fite; married Ida Cameron.

(59) George[6] Fite; married Harriet Swartzenfelder, by whom he has a son and daughter.

(56) **Henry[5] Clay Fite** (Samuel,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (22) Samuel[4] Fite and Mary Lauck, was born April 22, 1838. He was married twice: first, to Elizabeth C. Jackson, December 21, 1859, at Attelboro, now Langhorn, Pa., by the Rev. W. B. Wood. She was the daughter of George W. and Anne Jackson, of Somerton, Bucks County, Pa. One child was born to this marriage, and Elizabeth C. Jackson Fite died at Middletown, Bucks County, November 8, 1860. (59) Henry[5] Clay Fite married, the second time, Martha C. Worthington, December 26, 1861, by the Rev. B. Andrews, of Doylestown, Pa. She was the daughter of Edward and Cynthia Worthington, of Buckingham, Pa. She died September 26, 1903, in Trenton, N. J. By this marriage there were two children.

(56) Henry[5] Clay Fite; lives at Hatboro, Pa.; his children are:

(60) George[6] W. Fite; born November 7, 1860; is single.

(61) Sara[6] Jane Fite, p. 141.

(62) Henry[6] Clay Fite, Jr., p. 141.

(61) **Sara[6] Jane Fite** (Henry,[5] Samuel[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), daughter of (56) Henry[5] Clay Fite and Martha C. Worthington, was born March 3, 1868, at Middletown, Pa. She was married, April 14, 1892, to Dr. Charles O. Dager, of Hatboro, Pa., by whom she has one child, *i. e.*:

(*a*) Ethel[7] Marie Dager; born May 14, 1901.

(62) **Henry[6] Clay Fite, Jr.** (Henry,[5] Samuel,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (56) Henry[5] Clay Fite and Martha C. Worthington, was born February 3, 1884. He was married June 1, 1904, to Hetty Deiter, of Hatboro, Pa. Issue:

(63) Phelma[7] Fite; born April 12, 1905.

(57) **Samuel[5] M. Fite** (Samuel,[4] Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), youngest child of (22) Samuel[4] Fite and Mary Lauck, was born July 8, 1845; he was married, August 20, 1867, to Lydia Warner, daughter of Crossdale and Sarah Cadwallader Warner, of Trenton, N. J. Mr. Fite is County Commissioner, and lives in Langhorn, Bucks County, Pa.

Issue of (57) Samuel[5] M. Fite and Lydia Warner as follows:

(64) Elizabeth[6] N. Fite; born October 21, 1868, and married in 1889 to John E. Tomlinson.

(65) Mary[6] Fite; born April 10, 1871; died August 18, 1871.

(66) Sara[6] A. Fite; born May 21, 1874.

(67) Samuel[6] Fite; born June 28, 1878; died August 6, 1879.

(31) **Margaret[4] Fite** (Casper,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), daughter of (10) Casper[3] Fite and Catharine Miller, was born, about the year 1814 or '16. She was marred, December 11, 1834, to Joseph Sibbs, of Philadelphia; she died May 27, 1866.

Issue of (31) Margaret[4] Fite and Joseph Sibbs, as follows:

(*a*) Catharine[5] Fite Sibbs; born November 21, 1835; died May 13, 1867. She was married June 6, 1861, to Chas. A. Yeager; issue: William[6] G. Yeager and Charles[6] A. Yeager; deceased.

(*b*) Harriet[5] M. Sibbs; born November 30, 1837; married April 4, 1892, Joseph S. Brown.

(*c*) Henry[5] F. Sibbs; born December 1, 1842; died August 26, 1884; married Cora C. Campbell.

(*d*) Sarah[5] F. Sibbs; born November 29, 1846; died December 11, 1855.

(*e*) Samuel[5] S. Sibbs; born August 24, 1851; married, March 13, 1877, to Nellie J. Pilgrim; issue: Nellie[6] R. Sibbs, Margaret[6] F. Sibbs, Bessie[6] F. Sibbs, Samuel[6] S. Sibbs, Jr.

(*f*) Maria[5] L. Sibbs; born November 3, 1855; died November 1898; married, January 16, 1889, to Samuel S. Hinchman; issue: Charles[6] Hinchman and Margaret[6] Hinchman.

(12) **Hester[3] Fite** (Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), daughter of (3) Andrew[2] Fite and his wife, Susanna Essig, of Roxborough; married a Mr. Drake, by whom she had four children, all deceased, namely:

(*a*) Samuel[4] Drake.
(*b*) Thomas[4] Drake.
(*c*) Charles[4] Drake.
(*d*) Hester[4] Drake.

(13) **Aaron[3] Fite** (Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), was the son of (3) Andrew[2] Fite and his wife, Susanna Essig, of Roxborough. He moved to Dauphin County, Pa., and lived "near Lebanon, or one of the towns on the Susquehanna River. There is a place on the river, below Harrisburg, called Fite's Eddy," which, it is said, was named after (13) Aaron[3] Fite. He made his will in 1875, which was probated in 1877, and is recorded at Philadelphia, a copy of which is here appended, in which Baldwin is given as his home. His wife must have died before the will was made, as her name is not mentioned.

Issue of (13) Aaron[3] Fite, as far as known:

(68) Henry[4] Fite.
(69) Mary[4] Fite; married Andrew Yost.
(70) Daughter[4], who married —— Horner and had issue, Richard[5] Horner.

WILL OF (13) AARON[3] FITE
(*Book* 90, *p.* 200, *No.* 554, *Phil. Wills.*)

I, Aaron Fite, of Baldwin, Dauphin County, State of Pennsylvania, being of sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

I direct that my body be interred according to the rites of the Presbyterian Church.

First item; I give and bequeath to my son, Henry Fite, and after him, to his children, my burial lot in the Philadelphia Cemetery.

Second item; Whatever other property and money (the money now in the Western Philadelphia and Philadelphia Saving Banks, both in Philadelphia) I may have at the time of my decease, I bequeath to my son, Henry Fite, my daughter, Mary, wife of Andrew Yost, and to my grandson, Richard Horner, to be divided equal and paid to them by my executor, herein named, as soon after my decease as can be consistently, with a proper settlement of all my debts, and to have and to hold the same to them and to their heirs and assigns forever. I appoint Henry Fite to be the executor of this, my last will and testament, in witness whereof I, Aaron Fite, the testator, have to this, my will, written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this 8th day of June, A. D., one thousand, eight hundred and seventy-five.

his
AARON × FITE. (*Seal.*)
mark

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Aaron Fite, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names at his request as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said testator and of each other.

C. J. DOBSON.
MARTIN H. GUMDEN.
MARTIN T. BOYER.

(15) **Samuel[3] Fite** (Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), youngest child of (3) Andrew[2] Fite, of Roxborough, and his wife, Susanna Essig, was born in 1793. He was twice married: first, September 26, 1816, to Eliza King, in the First Dutch Reformed Church, of Philadelphia, who died in 1836. She was the daughter of John King and Magdalena Levering. (See Levering sketch appended.) She bore him six sons. Samuel's[3] second wife, married June 4, 1838, was Rebecca A. Conner, the widow Brown, who died January 9, 1856, at the age of 53 years. (15) Samuel[3] Fite had two children by his second wife; he died April 28, 1855.

Issue of (15) Samuel[3] Fite as follows:

(71) John[4] Bowen Fite, p. 144.

(72) Benjamin[4] Fite, p. 146.

(73) Allen[4] Fite; born August 8, 1824; married Maud Van Syde, who lived but a short time. He went to Cuba and has never returned to the United States since 1876.

(74) Casper[4] Wister Fite, p. 147.

(75) Joseph[4] Fite, p. 147.

(76) Andrew[4] Fite, p. 147.

(77) Emanuel[4] Fite, p. 148.

(78) Mary[4] Fite; born September 17, 1840; the second child of Samuel[3] by his second wife, Rebecca (Conner) Brown. She married Harry Agins, by whom she had a son, Harry[5] Agins, Jr., who is married and living in Philadelphia.

Levering Family.

The Levering family were the original settlers of Roxborough. Wigard Levering came to Philadelphia in 1685, from Germany; he was a friend of Pastorins, and he bought a large tract of land, containing many hundred acres. He was born in 1648, in Gamen, and married Magdalena Böker, of Leyden, in 1671; she died in 1717. He had a number of children before coming to America. He died in Roxborough, March 2, 1745, at the advanced age of 97 years. Wigard Levering was the son of Rosier Levering, born about 1600, in France, and Elizabeth Vander Walle, born in Wesel, probably a sister of Wm. Penn's friend, Van der Walle. Wigard's son, Jacob Levering, was born January 21, 1693, and died October, 1753; he was married in 1716 to Alice Tunis, who died between 1750 and 1753. Jacob's son, Wigard Levering, born 1719; died July 6, 1782; married Elizabeth ——, born 1732; died October, 1813, and their daughter, Magdalena, born about 1770, died about 1848; married John King, and was the mother of Eliza King, who married (15) Samuel[3] Fite.

The first Wigard Levering left sons, who were the progenitors of the Baltimore Leverings, and the Ohio Leverings.

(71) **John[4] Bowen Fite** (Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), eldest son of (15) Samuel[3] Fite and his first wife, Eliza King, was born at Roxborough, March 25, 1818. He was a member of the States Artillery, and aided in suppressing the Catholic and native American riots, in Philadelphia, in 1844. He died August 10, 1875, and his will was probated in Philadelphia, in 1876. He was married, April 16, 1840, to Mary Ann Logan, born December 2, 1821; died March 13, 1891, daughter of Alexander Logan and Elizabeth Major, and granddaughter of William Logan. Her will was probated in Philadelphia in 1892.

Issue of (71) John[4] Bowen Fite and Mary Ann Logan as follows:

(79) Samuel[5] Alexander Fite, p. 144.

(80) John[5] Bowen Fite, p. 146.

(81) Elizabeth[5] Fite, p. 146.

(82) Mary[5] Ann Fite; born April 16, 1850; living with her sister, Elizabeth.

(79) **Samuel[5] Alexander Fite** (John,[4] Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), eldest child of (71) John[4] Bowen Fite and Mary Ann Logan, was born April 2, 1841. He is an expert accountant and lives in Philadelphia. During the Civil War he was a member of the Second Pennsylvania Light Artillery, as a gunner; this artillery was in service twice, under the name of the Keystone Battery. He was married January 13, 1868, to Margaret Susanna Moore, widow of J. W. Markward, born in West Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pa.; daughter of Jehn Moore and Margaret Townsend, who was a descendant of one of William Penn's settlers. (See Andrew Moore Genealogy, by Passmoore.)

Issue of (79) Samuel[5] Alexander Fite and Margaret Susanna Moore as follows:

(83) John[6] Bowen Fite; born August 1, 1870; died January 17, 1887.

(84) Maude[6] Susanna Fite, p. 144.

(85) Allison[6] Sheeler Fite; born December 28, 1874; died February 4, 1891.

(84) **Maude[6] Susanna Fite** (Samuel,[5] John,[4] Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), daughter of (79) Samuel[5] Alexander Fite and Margaret Susanna Moore, was born May 27, 1873. She was married June 20, 1895, by the Rev. Alsop Leffingwell, in Philadelphia, to Charles King Mervine, born January 11, 1871, son of William M. Mervine, lawyer of Philadelphia, and Elizabeth Shaw King; she died December 4, 1898.

Issue of (84) Maude[6] Susanna Fite and Charles King Mervine:

(*a*) Watson[7] McKeehan Mervine; born October 28, 1896.

(*b*) Charles[7] King Mervine; born August 31, 1898.

MERVNE FAMILY.

Contributed by Wm. M. Mervine, Jr., of Philadelphia.

William[5] M. Mervine, father of Charles[6] K. Mervine, husband of (84) Maude[6] Susanna Fite, was born in Milton, Northumberland County, Pa., May 22, 1840; died in Philadelphia, December 3, 1892. Married November 12, 1868, Elizabeth Shaw King, daughter of Robert P. King, of Philadelphia. William[5] M. Mervine served during the Civil War as Corporal in Captain Bane's Company, Seventy-second Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was the son of Thomas[4] Mervine, iron master of Milton, Pennsylvania, and his wife, Mary Russell Batten. Thomas[4] Mervine was the son of John[3] Mervine and Elizabeth Thomas, of Chester County, Pa. John[3] Mervine was the son of William[2] Mervine and Christiana Jones, of Robeson Township, Berkes County, Pa. (1) William[2] Mervine was the son of Philip[1] and Mary Mervine, of Roxborough Township, Philadelphia, a neighbor of the Fites. Philip[1] Mervine was a resident of Germantown prior to 1748, but I have no record of his arrival. He is said to have been of Huguenot parentage; he died in October, 1789.

Philip[1] and Mary Mervine of Roxborough, Philadelphia, had the following children:

(1) William[2] Mervine, my ancestor. (See above.)
(2) George[2] Mervine.
(3) Andrew[2] Mervine.
(4) Philip[2] Mervine.
(5) Mary[2] Mervine; married Peter Knorr.
(6) John[2] Mervine, of whom later.
(7) Catharine[2] Mervine.
(8) Jacob[2] Mervine.

(6) John,[2] son of Philip[1] and Mary Mervine; born July 14, 1785; died October 24, 1822; married, May 20, 1790, Zibia Wright, daughter of Jonathan Wright and Esther Clements. Jonathan Wright was son of John Wright and Mary Morgan, sister of Sarah Morgan, who married Squire Boone, father of Daniel Boone, the Kentucky Pioneer. (This data anent Boone from descendants of John Mervine; I have not verified it.)

Children of John[2] Mervine and Zibia Wright:

(1) William[3] Mervine; born March 13, 1791; died September 15, 1868. Record of his service from the Navy Department is as follows: "Appointed a midshipman January 16, 1809; promoted to Lieutenant February 4, 1815; Commander, June 12, 1834; Captain, September 8, 1841; placed on the retired list December 21, 1861. He was promoted to Commodore on the retired list July 16, 1862; and to Rear Admiral on the retired list July 25, 1866, and died September 15, 1868."

(1) William[3] Mervine; married Amanda Maria Crane, daughter of Joseph Crane, of New York City.

Other *children* of (5) John[2] Mervine and Zibia Wright were: (2) Thomas,[3] (3) Charles,[3] (4) Esther,[3] (5) Maria,[3] (6) Eliza,[3] (7) Isaac, (8) Charles,[3] (9) George[3] P., and (10) Samuel[3] P.

(80) **John[5] Bowen Fite** (John,[4] Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (71) John[4] Bowen Fite and Mary Ann Logan, was born April 6, 1843. He was a member of the Second Pennsylvania Light Artillery during the Civil War, which saw service twice, as the Keystone Battery. He was married to Josephine Ramsey, of Atglen, Chester County, Pennsylvania, by whom he had issue:

(86) Samuel[6] Alexander Fite.

(87) Herbert[6] Fite.

(81) **Elizabeth[5] Fite** (John,[4] Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), the daughter of (71) John[4] Bowen Fite and Mary Ann Logan, was born November 17, 1844. She was married, September 29, 1868, to Allison Sheeler, born December 19, 1841, in the Logan Square Presbyterian Church, of Philadelphia.

Issue of (81) Elizabeth[5] Fite and Allison Sheeler as follows:

(*a*) Maud[6] Sheeler; born October 2, 1869; married William Henry Norton, of Philadelphia, June 6, 1900. Issue: Allison[7] Norton; born March, 1901; Gilbert[7] Norton; born September, 1902; William[7] Henry Norton; born March, 1906.

(*b*) Blanche[6] Sheeler; born October 30, 1875.

(72) **Benjamin[4] Fite** (Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), second son of (15) Samuel[3] Fite and his first wife, Eliza King, was born August 1, 1821, and died March 28, 1886. He always made his home in Philadelphia, where he was a brass-moulder and scale-maker. He was married, March 28, 1851, to Eliza Jane Conner, born September 25, 1832, daughter of John and Rebecca Conner, of Philadelphia.

Issue of (72) Benjamin[4] Fite and Eliza Jane Conner as follows:

(88) Samuel[5] Fite; born December 10, 1851; died in infancy.

(89) Rebecca[5] Ann Fite; born September 26, 1853; she married William Leach, April 3, 1884; no issue.

(90) Elizabeth[5] Fite; born September 12, 1855; died March 23, 1856.

(91) Katharine[5] Fite; born July 10, 1858; died in infancy.

(92) John[5] Ellsworth Fite, p. 146.

(92) **John[5] Ellsworth Fite** (Benj.,[4] Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), youngest child of (72) Benjamin[4] Fite and Eliza Jane Conner, was born in Philadelphia, September 24, 1861; he was educated in the public schools and has been, for eighteen years, a member

of the firm of Krout & Fite Mfg. Co., manufacturers of tapes, bindings, etc. He was married, June 12, 1884, to Kate R. Scattergood, by whom he has issue:

(93) John[6] Ellsworth Fite; born June 24, 1886.

(94) Elizabeth[6] Douglas Fite; born April 19, 1892.

(74) **Casper[4] Wister Fite** (Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (15) Samuel[3] Fite and Eliza King, was born October 30, 1827; died July 7, 1901. He married Elizabeth Carns; born 1831, who survives him.

(74) Casper[4] Wister Fite and Elizabeth Carns had issue:

(95) Mary[5] Ann Fite; born in 1855; she is an artist, having studied for three years in the School of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, at Philadelphia, and is a member of the Fellowship of said Academy, and a contributor to the Academy Exhibitions.

(96) Elizabeth[5] Carns Fite; born in 1858.

(97) Emma[5] Louisa Fite; born in 1861; died 1900. She married John Hertfelder; born 1861, by whom she had one son, John[6] Hertfelder, Jr., born 1896.

(98) Casper[5] Fite; born December 6, 1863; died August, 1865.

(99) Jeanette[5] Scott Fite; born in 1867; married Jesse Hallowell Starr, of Chester, Pa., in 1904.

(75) **Joseph[4] Fite** (Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (15) Samuel[3] Fite and Eliza King, was born September 13, 1830; he married Susan Springer. He served nine years in the United States Navy during the crusade against the slave trade on the African coast; three years on the sloop of war, "John Adams," and three years on the "Germantown;" name of the other vessel not recalled.

Issue of (75) Joseph[4] Fite and Susan Springer as follows:

(100) L.—— John[5] Fite.

(101) Joseph[5] Fite.

The above information was furnished by Joseph's half-brother, (77) Emanuel[4] Fite, who does not know the whereabouts of his nephews, John[5] and Joseph.[5]

(76) **Andrew[4] Fite** (Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (15) Samuel[3] Fite and Eliza King, was born January 11, 1834; died April 8, 1874. He was married January 27, 1858, to Katharine Stille, who died January 2, 1872. He served in the United States Navy for three years, about 1850, on the man of war, "Saranac."

Issue of (76) Andrew[4] Fite and Katharine Stille as follows:

(102) James[5] Conn Fite; born January 22, 1859. Is Sergeant of Police in Philadelphia; unmarried.

(103) Katharine[5] Stille Fite, p. 148.

(104) John[5] Bowen Fite; born September 22, 1863; died October 25, 1865.

(105) Anna[5] Louise Stille Fite; born June 6, 1866; married, July 3, 1889, to Andrew Jackson Gideon, born July 9, 1855, son of Andrew Jackson Gideon and his wife, Ann Scott.

(106) Margaret[5] Baum Fite; born October 2, 1869; was adopted by her Uncle, Emanuel Fite. She married George W. Peirson, by whom there is issue, Robert[6] Allison Peirson, born July 12, 1902.

(103) **Katharine[5] Stille Fite** (Andrew,[4] Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), eldest daughter of (76) Andrew[4] Fite and Katharine Stille, was born March 3, 1861; she was married September 11, 1888, to Levi L. Everett, born October 18, 1859, son of Levi Everett and Rebecca Ann Peters, of Queen Ann's County, Md. This couple lives at Hartley, Kent County, Del., and have issue:

(*a*) James[6] Fite Everett; born October 13, 1889.

(*b*) Levi[6] L. Everett; born September 18, 1891.

(*c*) Andrew[6] Fite Everett; born December 20, 1892.

(*d*) Thomas[6] Marvel Everett; born December 22, 1894.

(*e*) Roy[6] Everett; born June 19, 1899.

(77) **Emanuel[4] Fite** (Samuel,[3] Andrew,[2] Casper[1]), son of (15) Samuel[3] Fite and his second wife, Rebecca (Conner) Brown, was born March 14, 1839. He married Margaret Coddington, November 29, 1865. This couple have had no children of their own, so adopted Emanuel's[4] half-brother's child, (106) Margaret[5] Baum Fite, daughter of (76) Andrew[4] Fite and Katharine Stille. (77) Emanuel[4] Fite is Superintendent of the warehouses of Strawbridge and Clothier, merchants of Philadelphia. He served in the United States Navy during the Civil War, on the ships, "Roanoke," "Mohawk," "Richmond," "James Adjer," "Bainville," and "Keystone State." He was present at the Battle of Hampton Roads, under Commodore Goldsborough, and at the battle of Mobile Bay, under Admiral Farragut. This information was given by (77) Emanuel[4] Fite in person.

UNCLASSIFIED.

Individual and family records of Vogts, Fites, Feits, Fichts, Foights, etc., in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; connections not traced.

Catharine Ficht and Gottlieb Berndt, July 4-15, 1749, Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

Dorothea Vogt and Johann Schmidt, July 4-15, 1749, Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

Susanna Fight and Andrew Lock, April 1, 1758, Swedes Church, Philadelphia.

Catharine Fite and Henry Deshong, October 27, 1767, Pennsylvania marriages.

Jacob Feit and Anna Maag, June 12, 1770, German Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

Jacob Feit and Eleanor McCallaghan, April 1, 1773, Pennsylvania marriages.

Lewis Foight and Sarah Ludgate, February 24, 1791, First Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

Margaretha Fite and Henry Muir, January 18, 1802, German Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

Philip Fite and Elizabeth Brack, March 24, 1811, St. George M. E. Church, Philadelphia.

Arrived on the ship "Charming Betsy," from London, October 12, 1733, this family, which most probably has some direct connection with the Roxborough line; note the repetition of the family names Andreas, Casper, etc., and the year is the same in which Casper Fight settled in Roxborough:

Johan Vogt, age 53.
Maria Vogt, age 46.
Catharine Vogt, age 18.
Maria Vogt, age 16.
Andreas Vogt, age 12.
Casper Vogt, age 8.

Simon Vogt.

The only record found of this name, Simon, is of one Simon Vogt, who arrived in New Amsterdam in the Second Palatine Emigration, 1710, at 31 years of age; signed Weygand's Call, 1749; married Christina and had children (baptized "on the Raritans," by Lutheran minister of New York):

(1) Johannes Christoffel (Christopher; see p. 150), born February 24, 1714; baptized August 1, 1714. Resident on Society Lands, 1735.

(2) Margareta; born February 3, 1716, at Ten-Mile Run.

(3) Johannes; born Middlebush, February 17, 1718.
(4) Abraham; born January 22, 1720. (See Chambers, Early Germans in New Jersey.)

Christopher Vogt—Fight.

The above mentioned Johannes Christoffel (Christopher) Vogt, son of Simon and Christina, is the only record found of this name, with the exception of one Christopher Fight, who was living in 1782, in the "Northern Liberties," Philadelphia; most likely one and the same man. Coming down to the following century, one Christopher Fites, died intestate, in 1828, in Warren County, New Jersey.

Joseph Fight—Feight.

In 1769-1774, one Joseph Fight was living in the "Northern Liberties," Philadelphia, and in New Jersey the marriage records show one Joseph Feight married Dorcas Ackerman, March 3, 1790. (Bergen.)

Valentein Fogt—Vogt, Voigt.

According to Chambers' *Early Germans in New Jersey*, Valentein Fogt was born 1713; married in 1740; died in 1777, and was buried at Stillwater, Sussex County, N. J. He has a headstone bearing this German inscription: "Valentein Fogt lebte in Ehestand 37 Johr Zeugte 6 Kinder und starb anno 1777 Ward 64 Johr 6 monath alt." Two of the six children referred to were:
(1) John; born 1751; died February 5, 1788, at the age of 37, and left fifteen children, so his headstone says.
(2) Margaret; born 25th November, 1751; died November 3, 1792. (She and John must have been twins.)
In 1744, November 2, one Valentin Vogt, "qualified" at Philadelphia; this is very probably the above mentioned Valentein Fogt, who married in 1740. Then there was one Johan Valentein Voigt, who "qualified" September 1, 1736; he came on the same ship with Johan Mathias Voigt, age 19, who was probably a younger brother.

Abraham Vogt—Feit.

The first record found of the name Abraham Vogt, is of the son of Simon and Christina, who was born in 1720; and the last record is of Abraham Feit, who was paying taxes, and living in Brunswig Township, Berks County, Pa., in 1780.

Philip Feit—Henry Feit, Vogt.

Philip Feit, in 1780, and Henry Feit, or Vogt (recorded both ways), in 1779, were living and paying taxes in Brunswig Township, Berks County, Pa. Henry owned 335 acres of land and cattle. They were probably brothers of the above mentioned Abraham Feit, of same Township and County.

Peter Voigt—Georg Peter Vogt.

Peter Voigt "qualified" at Philadelphia, October 2, 1741; and Georg Peter Vogt "qualified" September 19, 1749.

Christian Feight—Fight.

The records of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of Philadelphia, show the following baptism: "Paul Feight, son of Christian and his wife, Barbara (Catholics), born March 22, 1777. Sponsors, Paul Esling and his wife, Christina. In 1777, July 12, Christian Fight is recorded as a "private in Capt. Isaac Austin's Fourth Company of First Batallion of Philadelphia Militia, of Foot; in service of the United States, commanded by William Bradford, Colonel." "February 4, 1781, he was Corporal in Capt. Christian Shaffer's Company, Fifth Regiment, of Foot, District Militia, commanded by Maj. Richard Salter." In 1782 he was living in the north ward of Philadelphia, and his occupation was that of "cord wainer."

Hans Feit.

The name Hans is recorded only once, so far as known. One Hans Feit paid non-resident taxes on one hundred acres of land in Bucks County, Pa., surveyed April 13, 1745.

Johan Philipp Vogt—Jonas Vogt, John Fight, Johannes Vogt, John Feit.

The records of St. Michael and Zion Church, of Philadelphia, show the birth of "Johan Philipp Vogt, son of Johan and Barbara, born September 17, baptized October 19, 1749. Sponsors: Johann Phillip Ulrich and Maria Magdalena Diebin."

One Jonas Vogt "qualified" August 15, 1750.

The letters of administration of one John Fight, of Gloucester County, N. J., are on file at Trenton; he died intestate, and the letters were granted to Susanna Fight and Joshua Lord, Jr., February 14, 1755. It is possible that this John Fight was the Johannes, born 1718, son of Simon and Christina Vogt, whose children were "baptized on the Raritans."

Johannes Vogt came in the ship "Lydia," October 10, 1749, and "qualified" October 13, 1749. This Johannes is believed to be the cousin of (1) Johannes,[1] (1) Henry,[1] and (1) Hans[1] Jacob Vogt, who came over the previous month; and the same John Feit whom we find, later, living in the same township and County (Greenwich Township, Sussex County, N. J.), with (1) Johannes[1] Fite. The will of this Johannes *Feit* was made in 1789 and probated May 17, 1790; in it he mentions children, Mary, Catharine and Daniel. (Will appended.) In 1804, the will of Daniel Feit, of Sussex County, was filed, and in 1828 the will of one Daniel Feit, presumably a son of the first Daniel, of Warren County, was filed. Warren was cut off from Sussex just prior to this date. In 1828 the will of one Mary Feit, also of Warren County, was filed.

Will of John Feit.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN; I, JOHN FEIT, of Greenwich Township, in the County Sussex, in the State of New Jersey, yeoman, am at present advanced in years and weake in body, but of sound and well disposing mind and memory, thanks be to God for this and all his other mercies and favours bestowed upon me in this life, and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, have therefore thought proper to make this, my last Will and testament, in manner and form following. IMPRIMIS, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of my dear Saviour, Jesus Christ, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a Christian-like and decent manner, at the discretion of my executor, hereinafter named. And as touching and concerning my temporal estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and bequeath the same as followeth:

In the first place, I do order and direct that my just debts (if any I should have) and funeral expenses shall be honorably paid and discharged. ITEM, I do give unto my daughter, Mary, the wife of Jacob Minier, the sum of ten pounds, lawfull money of New Jersey, over and above the monies and assets which in my lifetime I have advanced to her and said husband, hereby exonerating and discharging the said Jacob Minier from the monies he stands indebted to me, hereby ordering & directing my executor to deliver unto him a certain note or receipt for one hundred and thirty pounds, seven shillings, without charging any interest thereon, and it is my will that five pounds, part of the above legacy, shall be paid to my said daughter, Mary, one year from and after my decease, and the other five pounds two years after my decease. ITEM, I give unto my daughter, Catharine, three pounds, to be paid to her one year after my decease, if she be then living, which shall be in full of all her expectancy out of all my estate. ITEM, I give and devise unto Henry, Elizabeth, Mary and Peter, the children of my said daughter, Catharine, and her late husband, Henry *Distran*, decd., the sum of three hundred pounds, lawfull money, aforesaid to be paid to them as followeth; Vizt., twenty pounds part thereof shall be paid to each of them as they shall respectively arrive to the age of twenty-one years, and then one year after, when Peter has arrived to the said age of twenty-one years, twenty pounds shall again be paid to Henry, and so on yearly, twenty pounds to each of them untill each hath received the sum of sixty pounds, and then each is to receive every year, successively, the sum of fifteen pounds, which will amount to the said sum of three hundred pounds, to prevent any dispute about my meaning: it is to be understood that after all the said children have arrived to the said age of twenty-one years, one full year is to expire between each payment, to be made to either of them, and all the rest and residue of my estate, both real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever and of what nature and kind the same may be, I do give,

devise and bequeath the same unto my only and well-beloved son, Daniel, to hold to him, my said son, Daniel, his heirs and assigns, forever. And I do likewise ordain and appoint him, my said son, Daniel, the only and sole executor of this, my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and dispositions heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. IN TESTIMONY WHEROF, I, the said John Feit, the testator, have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and eighty-nine.

JOHN FEIT.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by John Feit, the testator, as and for his last Will and testament, in the presence of us, Who, in his presence and request, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses to the same.

Valentine Biddleman, John Winter, Peter Winter; State of New Jersey, Sussex County, To Wit: Valentine Biddleman & John Winter, two of the witnesses to the annexed Will being duly sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God, did severally depose & say that they, saw John Feit, the testator, therein named, sign & seal the same and heard him publish, pronounce & declare the annexed writing to be his last Will & testament, & that at the doing thereof, the sd. testator was of sound and disposing mind & memory, as far as these deponents know, and as they verily believe, and that Peter Winter, the other subscribing evidence, was present at the same time and signed his name as a witness to the said Will together with these deponents in the presence of the said testator.

VALENTINE BIDDLEMAN.
JOHN WINTER.

Sworn at Newton, ye 17th day of May, Anno Domino, 1790.

Before me, Thos. Anderson, Surrogate, the FOREGOING Will being proved, probate was granted by his Excellency, William Livingston, Esqr., unto Daniel Feit, sole executor in the said Will, named, he being first duly sworn well and truly to perform the same, exhibit a true and perfect inventory, and render a just and true account, when thereunto lawfully required.

GIVEN under the Prerogative Seal, the day and year above said.

BOWES REED, *Register*.

Recorded in Liber No. 30 of New Jersey, Wills, pages 434, etc.

SOLOMON FITE.

Solomon Fite; paid non-resident taxes on eight acres of land in Bedford County, Pa.; surveyed March 1, 1853.

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